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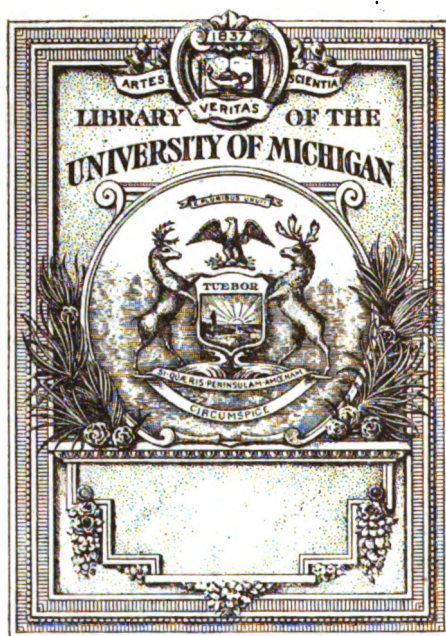
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COUNTIES.	MARRIAGES.		BIRTHS.		DEATHS.		REMARKS.	
	1842	1843	1842	1843	1842	1843		
Suffolk,	768	784	101	91	2006	2343	It is manifest from the Table, that the Returns cannot be relied upon as showing the correct number of births, marriages or deaths. The real number of deaths does not, of course, exceed that of births in any county; nor is the sterility of any county so frightful as might appear from the Nantucket return of 1842. There is, however, perceptible improvement in the Returns 1843.	
Sassex,	683	742	1242	1724	1220	1421		
Middlesex,	1037	1022	992	930	1549	1598		
Worcester,	900	835	1275	1543	1287	1369		
Hampshire,	239	256	619	535	377	518		
Hampden,	358	299	252	268	295	357		
Franklin,	177	176	454	354	353	358		
Berkshire,	157	121	548	344	450	387		
Norfolk,	370	407	645	445	510	682		
Bristol,	415	497	984	576	431	360		
Plymouth,	297	356	706	923	453	643		
Barnstable,	216	223	689	454	371	397		
Duke's Co.	23	30	64	101	58	56		
Nantucket,	102	59	0	462	184	195		
Increase of returns in 1843 over those of the previous year.	5742	5807	8471	8750	9544	10,684		
	{					9544		
					8471		1140	more deaths returned in 1843 than in 1842.
		5742		279	more births returned in 1843 than in 1842.			
		65	more marriages returned in 1843 than in 1842.					

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*To the President of the Senate,
and the Speaker of the House of Representatives :*

THE following Report and Tables have been prepared, and are now presented to the Legislature, in obedience to the Act of the 3d of March, 1842.

The authority conferred by the last clause of that Act, will, I trust, be deemed a full apology for my having examined, at considerable length, the entire subject of Registration, and the wants of the public, and the defects of existing laws in regard to both Records and Returns. I am deeply impressed with the importance of this matter, and have endeavored, therefore, to present my views in such manner as to give them a full and fair opportunity to be examined and considered by those who can act with efficiency thereon as legislators.

Most respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN A. BOLLES,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

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REPORT, &c.

THE Act of March 3, 1842 (c. 95.) requires the clerks of the several towns and cities in the Commonwealth, under penalty of \$10, in the month of May, in each year, to transmit to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, *a certified copy* of their Record of the Births, Marriages and Deaths of all persons within their respective towns and cities, *which may come to their knowledge*, stating the number of births and marriages, and the number of deaths, with the name, sex, age, (and, *if an adult male*, the occupation,) of the deceased; and the names of the diseases of which all persons have died, or are supposed to have died; together with the cause or causes of the death of all such deceased persons, so far as they may be able to obtain a knowledge of the same from physicians or others.

The same act makes it the Secretary's duty "to furnish blank forms of return, and suitable instructions and explanations; to receive said returns; to prepare therefrom such tabular results as will render them of practical utility," and make report thereof annually to the Legislature; and "generally, to do whatever may be required to carry into effect the objects of this act, and of the several provisions of the Revised Statutes not inconsistent therewith."

In obedience to the requirements of said law, the late Secretary of the Commonwealth prepared a blank form of return, and a letter of instruction, which were forwarded in April 1842 to the clerk of every town and city in Massachusetts, which form and circular were as follows:

1. FORM OF RETURN.

*Return of the Births, Marriages and Deaths which have taken place in the town of _____
for the year ending May 1, 1842.*

[N. B.—If this blank should not be found sufficient for the purpose, the Town Clerk is requested to lengthen it by the addition of blank paper, ruled to correspond with the columns. The Town Clerk is also requested to sign the Return.]

Whole number of Births in the town, for the year ending May 1, 1842,

Whole number of Marriages in the town during the same period,

DEATHS IN THE TOWN DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD.

Date of Death.	Name of deceased.	Age.	Sex.	Occupation of adult males.	Disease, or cause of Death.

2. The Letter of Instructions :

" The Secretary of the Commonwealth herewith transmits a copy of an act passed at the recent Session of the Legislature, and a blank form of return drawn up in accordance with its provisions.

" The objects of the act are presumed to be, in substance, to call the attention of towns to the importance of ample and accurate records in reference to the increase, longevity and health of their population, and to secure such returns, concerning the same, to the government of the State, as shall furnish means for useful comparisons and suggestions, and tend to the promotion of science. It can hardly be expected that the records in all the towns have, hitherto, been kept in such a manner as shall enable the clerks to comply, at the *present* time, with *every* requirement of the Act; and allowance for incompleteness of returns will be made accordingly. In cases, however, where the records are thus inadequate to furnishing the desired information, the secretary will esteem it a great favor if the clerks will endeavor to obtain it from other sources, in order that the answers to the questions in the blank may be as full as circumstances will conveniently permit. It is of course expected that the records of the towns will, from this time, be kept with such reference to the act, that a compliance with its provisions will, in future years, be comparatively convenient and easy.

" The act, upon first inspection, would seem to require a formal and literal copy of the records, distinct from the more particular statement referred to in the second clause of the first section. The secretary, however, feels authorized to say to the clerks of the towns and cities, that the blank, when properly filled, and signed by the clerk, as being ' true, according to the best of his knowledge and belief,' will be deemed a sufficient copy of the record within the meaning of the law. It is respectfully requested that the blank, so filled and signed, may be returned to this office punctually within the time prescribed by the act.

" Secretary's Office, Boston, April 20, 1842."

Here followed a copy of the act of 1842.

It will be perceived that the secretary fixed on the 1st of May, as the commencement of the annual return; and the terms of the act, though quite vague, seem to justify this selection of time. But it will be shown that inconvenience arises, and must arise, from requiring the returns to begin at that period. Of this I will speak again more fully.

It will be seen, also, that Mr. Bigelow, in preparing his letter of instructions, felt obliged to inform the town clerks that they need not give a literal construction to that clause of the act requiring them to transmit "a certified copy of their record." This loose construction of the terms of the law, adopted by the secretary, and rendered so unavoidable by the fact that the laws of Massachusetts prescribe no simple and uniform mode of registration in the several towns, cannot fail to impress the Legislature with the expediency of providing, if the act of 1842 is perpetuated, such a system of registry as will enable towns to comply with the requisitions of the statute.

It may not be improper for me to collect the various provisions of the Revised Statutes which relate to this subject, for the purpose of showing how imperfectly town clerks are furnished by law with the means of obeying the act of 1842.

1. *In regard to births.* The Revised Statutes, (c. 15, §§ 46 and 47,) direct the town clerk to keep a record of the births of all persons within his town, and coming to his knowledge, specifying the day of each birth, and the parents' names, if known.

They also direct parents to give notice to the clerks of their towns, of all the births of their children, and every householder to give like notice of every birth happening in his house; and the keepers of almshouses, workhouses, houses of correction, prisons and hospitals, and the masters of ships to give like notice of births occurring under their charge. This notice may be given at any time *within six months after the birth* occurs. The parent, or other person, failing to give the notice, forfeits *to the use of the town* a sum not exceeding five dollars (i. e., of course, if any person sees fit, for the town's benefit, to bring the offender to punishment). No form of record or of return is prescribed.

2. *Deaths.* The same sections apply to deaths as well as to births, and in like manner: with the additional provision that "the eldest person next of kin" shall give notice of the death of his kindred.

This is the whole body of law on the subject. Nothing is required to be communicated by any informant to the town clerk, respecting the sex, age, occupation, cause of death, or any other matter which, by the act of '42, the returns are required to contain and set forth; and there is no legal right on his part to make the needful inquiry.

3. *As to marriages.* The legal provisions on the subject of recording marriages are contained in a few sections of the 75th chap. of the Rev. Stat. (§§ 17, 18, 23.)

These sections make it the duty of every person who solemnizes a marriage, to keep a record of all marriages by him solemnized, and make an annual return to the town clerk of the town wherein he resides, of all such marriages; said certificate giving *the names of the parties married, their places of residence, the time when, and the town in which, such marriages were solemnized.* If the parties do not belong to, or reside in the town where the person who joins them in wedlock resides, he must, within 30 days, return a like certificate to the clerk of the town in which one or both of the married persons reside. The penalty of failing to comply with this requirement, is "not less than \$20 nor more than \$100; one half to the use of the county, and the other half to the prosecutor."

The marriages so certified to the clerk, he is required "forthwith" to record "in a book to be kept for that purpose;" and of this record the Statute of '42 now requires him to send a certified copy to the secretary, in May every year.

So loose and inexact are the rules of law concerning the registration of marriages, births and deaths in this Commonwealth. Can it be thought surprising that such laws are, to a great extent, a mere dead letter? I shall have occasion to show, by reference to the returns made to this office, that, in a large proportion of the towns, the law, in whole, or in some material part, is disregarded. The act of last year may be considered the first decided expression of the will of the Legislature to give increased vitality and efficiency of the registration laws.

OF THE UTILITY OF THOROUGH REGISTRATION, no intelligent person can well entertain a doubt. The existence of our own laws, (defective though they be,) for a long series of years, shows what has been the opinion of our own legislators upon this subject. The legislation of various foreign nations, still more strikingly, exhibits the general conviction of lawgivers all over Christendom, that such a system of municipal regulations is of great importance. And it may be both interesting and instructive to bestow some degree of attention upon these specimens of European legislation.

In 1833, just ten years ago, the House of Commons of the Parliament of Great Britain, took into serious consideration the subject of parochial registration. A large committee was appointed on the 28th March of that year, "to consider and report on the general state of parochial registries, and the laws relating to them: and on a general registration of births, baptisms, marriages, deaths and burials, in England and Wales," "with power to send for persons, papers and records." This committee, after holding a large number of meetings, examining many intelligent witnesses, and extending their inquiries to the systems of various continental European governments, made an elaborate report in August, 1833, recommending a thorough reform of the old English laws of registration. This able document, with the minutes of the evidence collected by the committee, and the valuable documents thereto appended, I have examined with much care and with great satisfaction;—not only because it is of practical value, but also because it exhibits an enlightened, humane and christian spirit, such as too seldom appears in the documents of any European legislative body.

The result of this commission was the enactment, in August, 1836, of the act (of 6th and 7th William IV. c. 86,) entitled "An Act for Registering Births, Deaths and Marriages in England," which went into operation June 30, 1837.

This act established a "general register office" in London, to which office returns were to be made quarter-yearly, from a series of Districts into which England was therefor divided; the forms of return, which are also the forms of the registers themselves, being prescribed as follows, viz.:

1. OF BIRTHS.

18—. Births in the District of _____, in the county of _____.

No.	When born.	Name, if any.	Sex.	Name and Surname of Father.	Name and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Rank, or Profession of Father.	Signature, Description and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.	Bapt. name if added after Reg't'n of birth.
1	Jan. 7,	James	boy,	Wm Green,	Rebecca Green, formerly Jennings.	Carpenter	Wm Green, Father, Carpenter, 17, North street, Marylebone	Jan. 9,	John Cox Registr.	

2. OF DEATHS.

18—. Deaths in the District of _____, in the county of _____.

No.	When died.	Name and Surname.	Sex.	Age.	Rank or Profession.	Cause of death.	Signature, Description & Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.
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3. OF MARRIAGES.

18—. Marriages solemnized at _____, in the county of _____.

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank, or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
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This Marriage was solemnized between us, { _____ } in presence { _____ } of us, { _____ }

A glance at these forms is enough to show that, if the registers of the districts are, by law, enabled to make them complete, they must furnish a vast amount of valuable facts, and in a trustworthy form. And the law is indeed conformable to the necessity of the case. Every registrar is kept fully supplied with the needful books and papers, which are prepared in a uniform manner for registration, at the registry general, and regularly transmitted to every district. Iron boxes are also supplied, in all cases, for their safe-keeping. Notice of every birth, marriage and death, must be given, within a short period after their occurrence, to the registrar of the district, and be by him recorded, and a certified copy of the record transmitted, every quarter, to the general office. The compensation of the registrars is proportionate to the extent of their record, and appropriate penalties are attached to all infractions of the law, a portion of the penalty always going to the prosecutor; so that a variety of motives are made to produce kindred results, in giving efficacy to the system.

I have thought that it might be useful to give considerable portions of this act, at full length, in an Appendix (A) to this report. They will show how carefully the law provides that no birth or death shall occur in any part of England, or in any English ship that sails the ocean, unobserved or unrecorded, and that the cause of every such death shall be made known, and become a part of the public archives.

Under the provisions of these laws, several annual reports have been made by the registrar general, of the operation and results of the new system, which demonstrate very clearly that the system is practicable, and that beneficial effects cannot fail to attend its establishment.

The first of these reports was made May 18, 1839, and was accompanied by tables, and other documents, presenting much useful statistical knowledge, in a convenient and intelligible form. It has, in subsequent years, been followed by three other similar reports,—increasing, from year to year, in fulness, accuracy and utility,—all of them illustrating the fact, that such a system, though it may at first appear difficult and onerous, becomes in a short time popular, and of easy administration.

The system of FRENCH REGISTRATION is even more full and perfect than the English ; and is indeed one of the most admirable specimens of that grand system of laws which owes its origin to the genius of Bonaparte, and which, under the name of the *Code Napoleon*, will give to his reputation a lustre more enduring than that bestowed by all his military achievements.*

By the French regulations it is required that, within three days after every birth, the child shall be produced in presence of the registrar, its identity proved, and the record then made ; that no burial shall take place without a written authority from the registrar, and after record made, on the testimony of the two nearest relatives or friends of the deceased, of his name, age, profession and abode ; the day, hour, and place of death ; the names of his wife, and of his parents, and the place of his birth. The marriage regulations are equally minute and rigorous.

Of all these records, duplicates are kept, and duplicate indexes annually prepared ; and every year one of these duplicates is transmitted to the central authority, while the other is retained in the commune or parish.

This French system, seemingly so vexatious and burdensome, is in perfect operation not only in the 40,000 communes of France, but in *Geneva*, and in those portions of *Prussia* and *Belgium*, which came within the jurisdiction of France, when the "Code" went into operation ; although, in these last-mentioned countries, attempts have been vainly made to throw off that system, since they regained their independence. Some of the testimony collected by the English committee, in regard to the precision and value of the French registrations, is of great interest. Dr. Bowring, Monsr. Adolphe Quetelet, of the Brussels Observatory, and John Finlaison, Esq., Actuary of the National Debt Office,—furnished that committee much information, worthy of general diffusion, upon this continental system. I have, therefore, made liberal quotations from their testimony, which will be found in the Appendix.—(B.)

In *Spain*, the registration is, in some respects, fuller than in

* LES CINQ CODES ; LE CODE CIVIL, Liv. I. Titre II. "*Des Actes de l'Etat Civil*," §§ 34-101.

France. Thus, for example, the marriage registries set forth the native places of the parties, and the names of their parents; and, in the baptismal registration, mention is made of the native places of both parents, and of the names and birth-places of the paternal grand-parents; and each register has its alphabetical index.

In *Austria*, all births must, under heavy penalties, be notified to the registrar, by the midwife, or accoucheur, and the mother's maiden name is inserted. So, also, in case of deaths, the date, the age, and the malady, or cause of death, are specified, and the corpse is inspected, or a certificate of the disease, &c. is required of the medical attendant. (*For the forms of registration in these several countries, see Appendix, B.*)

Such, in brief, are the modes which have been adopted in various countries, to procure and authenticate, for future use, full evidence of those three great classes of facts,—birth,—marriage,—death,—which influence, to so vast a degree, the welfare of man the individual, and of men in society. Thus, everywhere, does the voice of legislation, declare that these vital statistics are of vital importance.

I cannot, without doing this subject injustice, avoid some further illustration of the practical benefits which may result from a thorough system of registration and returns, such as the law of 1842 seems to contemplate.

In all questions of law requiring evidence as to age, legitimacy, relationship, settlement, or other facts connected with pedigree, the need of authentic registration of birth, death and marriage, is constantly felt.

Take an example of some political moment :

The right of a representative to his seat in our General Court, is disputed. He was elected by a majority of *one vote*. One of the persons voting for him was an old man, who had not been assessed for several years; but who claims the right of suffrage, because, he says, he is 70 years old and upwards. His age, therefore, is a fact of essential importance, and its decision may determine the political character of the State government. Without a registry, the question cannot be answered without great difficulty. With a registry it is put at rest at once and beyond all controversy.

Look at another case of a purely legal character, and of frequent occurrence. The owner of a large estate dies without will, leaving no immediate relatives, and the estate reverts to the descendants of some remote common ancestor, if they can be found. Various claimants arise, and it becomes necessary to clear up the family pedigree, in all its branches, for a hundred years. Without a registry, the task is almost hopeless; but with it, all becomes easy, clear, and certain.

Another instance of a different description may be added. Some young housekeeper, or some old man, wishing, by an insurance upon his life, or by purchase of an annuity, to secure to his wife and children a subsistence, in case of his own death, applies for a policy to the Life Office. In computing the risk, and fixing the rate of premium, his age is a material element. How shall it be ascertained? In such case, the registry alone, can be, with safety, relied upon. This is no improbable case. Mr. Finlaison, the Actuary before named, thus testified in 1833 : —“ Another evil, perhaps, resulting from the want of such a system of registry is, that we, in the National Debt Office, have no check on the alleged ages of the nominees, on whose lives annuities are daily purchased.—If there was a general system of registry, it would be our duty, before granting a life annuity, to remit to the proper officer the statement of age, in order to have it checked. Two or three years ago, a very great speculation took place at the Stock Exchange on old men's lives. A vast number of annuities were, all of a sudden, bought, on the lives of people in extreme old age. In this case, where the temptation to exaggerate the age is very great, it is obvious that it would have been highly desirable that the officers of government should have had the means of referring to a general register.”*

I cannot leave this matter of life assurance without further remarks. The calculation of all questions of value or of risk, depending on the chances of human life, is based upon the tables of mortality; that is, upon the observations which, for a long series of years, and over large territories, and immense masses of men, have been made, by registrations or otherwise,

* Report of the Parliamentary Committee, p. 59.

and from which the average chances of life and death have been deduced by rigid mathematical calculation. The extent of such observations and their accuracy will, of course, materially affect the result of the calculation. In regard to any one locality like Massachusetts, or like England, an exact registration perpetuated for many years, would furnish the basis of a calculation as precise and infallible as any that is now applied to the movements of the heavenly bodies. It is equally true that calculations based on observations elsewhere made, must, when applied to Massachusetts, become, to some degree, uncertain. From this uncertainty in computing life risks would, of course, follow a rate of charging on policies needlessly high, if not exorbitant; and, in this manner, the amount of assurance would be, and probably is, greatly diminished. I will again quote Mr. Finlaison, in order to illustrate my own meaning.

"I beg to inform the committee," said he, "that the evils which result from the want of a correct system of registry of births and deaths, are very great. The non-existence of such a registry renders it impossible, (although on many occasions it particularly concerns the public interests) to determine what may be the law of mortality now actually prevailing among the working classes in this empire, either generally or locally. At this very moment, for instance, an act of parliament has passed for permitting the industrious poor, through the agency of savings banks, to provide life annuities for themselves in old age, and it is my duty to prepare and submit to the lords of the treasury tables of the rates of contributions to be demanded from the parties of each sex, and for every age. Now, as I am unable to determine the rate of mortality to which the industrious poor are peculiarly subject, I am obliged to set down rates which I am convinced are more than the parties ought to pay, viz. : the rates which should be demanded from the nobility and gentry of England, if they were supposed to purchase similar annuities. I cannot, therefore, but consider it a hardship that the benevolent purposes of parliament in framing this law, cannot be accomplished to the full extent, because no actuary, while the law of mortality remains unknown, can assign the lowest rate of contribution that could be exacted. By the system of registry which is now pursued in France and Flanders, it is very easy to make obser-

variations for determining the rates applicable to the purpose in question."

Should life insurance become more frequent in Massachusetts, as it ought, and as it will, whenever the present monopoly of that business is broken up, or whenever mutual life offices are established, the benefit of a perfect registration will be more generally felt, and its necessity be universally admitted.

As it now is, the common course of business, almost every day, presents some case requiring an examination, by the tables of mortality, of the value of life interests in estates, such as *power*, &c., wherein the importance of a just and exact system of registration is brought distinctly to view. Every lawyer is aware that such instances are by no means of unfrequent occurrence. (See Appendix, C.)

Nor is this matter invested with a mere business value. It is becoming closely associated with the best science and the purest benevolence of the age, and humanity is finding her ablest ally in statistical inquiry and statistical tables.

I find in the Appendix to the First Annual Report of the Registrar General of England, a communication from William Farr, Esq., which contains some remarks pertinent to this point. Having been requested to prepare abstracts of the recorded causes of some 141,607 deaths, he thus replies :

"The registration of births and deaths proves the connexion of families, facilitates the legal distribution of property, and answers several other purposes which sufficiently establish its utility; but in the performance of the duty with which you have been pleased to intrust me, I have to examine the registration under a different point of view, and with different objects, which will perhaps ultimately prove of not less importance. The deaths and causes of death are scientific facts which admit of numerical analysis, and science has nothing to offer more inviting in speculation than the laws of vitality, the variations of these laws in the two sexes at different ages, and the influence of civilization, occupation, locality, seasons and other physical agencies, either in generating diseases and inducing death, or in improving the public health.

"One of the many obvious applications of the facts, will be

to the promotion of practical medicine. The extent to which epidemics vary in different localities, seasons and classes of society, will be indicated by the registered diseases. The modifications in the character of diseases, and in the medical treatment, are indicated perhaps more accurately by the prevailing epidemics than by either the temperature, the hygrometricity, or any other appreciable condition of the atmosphere; and it was Sydenham's doctrine, that the treatment of acute diseases should have a reference not only to the immediate symptoms and to the seasons, but also to the epidemic constitutions of the year and place. A national system of registration can alone indicate the characters of the diseases of every district, and determine how far the practice taught in the schools, or illustrated in crowded hospitals, and in the unhealthy parts of the metropolis, among the destitute poor, may require modification among other classes of society and in other localities.

"The registration of the diseases of the several districts will furnish medical men with a series of valuable remedial agents. It will designate the localities where disease is most rife, and where there is the least tendency to particular classes of sickness and infirmity. In recommending a residence to patients, the physician will find the registered causes of death an indispensable directory.

"The registration of the causes of death, besides contributing to practical medicine, will give greater precision to the principles of physic. Any improvement in the treatment of disease, and any addition to medical science, will tend ultimately to the diminution of human suffering; but the registration of the causes of death is calculated to exercise a still more direct influence upon public health. Diseases are more easily prevented than cured, and the first step to their prevention is the discovery of their exciting causes. The registry will show the agency of these causes by numerical facts and measure the intensity of their influence, and prove that, while a part of the sickness is inevitable, and a part only can be expected to disappear before progressive social amelioration, a considerable proportion of the sickness and deaths may be suppressed by the general adoption of hygienic measures which are in actual but partial operation."

Mr. Farr expresses the belief that the annual number of deaths in England may, in this manner, be reduced by 30,000, a result which would more than recompense all the labor and expense that ever has been, or ever will be, devoted to the establishment of a system of registration. Whether or not he be correct in his estimate, it is beyond doubt, that the medical profession and medical science would gain much from a thorough registration, and that, through them, the public at large would derive unspeakable benefit.

Returning now to the laws of Massachusetts, and to the results of the act of 1842, I would further state that returns have been received from a very large number of cities and towns, and that, on the whole, these returns, though exceedingly imperfect, are as full and exact as could be expected under existing laws, and on a first demand. Many of the clerks promise more perfect returns for the future. Several of them urge the importance of registration and return. Only two speak unfavorably of the measure. I have copied the entire letter which accompanied the return from the town of Plympton in Plymouth county, as an act of justice to Mr. Bradford, the town clerk, and as a specimen of what might be done in all other towns. (Appendix, D.)

The following table contains the names of towns which have failed to make returns, and have thus incurred the penalty named in the act, viz. :

ESSEX COUNTY.

Essex, Haverhill and Newbury,	3
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MIDDLESEX.

Bedford, Dunstable, Framingham, Somerville, Stow,	5
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WORCESTER.

Dudley and Spencer,	2
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HAMPSHIRE.

Norwich, Ware,	2
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16 BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

HAMPDEN.

Granville, Southwick, Tolland, 3

FRANKLIN.

Coleraine, Heath, Northfield, 3

BERKSHIRE.

Adams, Cheshire, Hancock, Sheffield, Windsor, West
Stockbridge, 6

NORFOLK.

Canton, Milton, Randolph, Walpole, 4

BRISTOL.

Freetown, New Bedford, Somerset, 3

PLYMOUTH.

South Bridgewater, Plymouth, 2

BARNSTABLE.

Barnstable, Brewster, 2

35

In all, 35 towns, comprising a population, according to the U. S. census of 1840, of 76,654, have disregarded the law.

The fact that so many clerks have failed to make return, seems to indicate that the \$10 penalty needs to be enlarged. Indeed, one clerk, at the foot of an imperfect return, very frankly says, "I shall pay the fine, if exacted; it would cost me \$10 to collect the information."

Two hundred and seventy-two towns, with a population of about 700,000, have made some sort of return; but a single glance at those returns will show how miserably imperfect the records are, and must be, until our present laws are enforced and improved. The following are the totals of marriages, births and deaths, contained in the returns :

Marriages, 5742	}	Excess of deaths over births, 1073!
Births, 8471		
Deaths, 9544		

This statement presents the extraordinary result of a number of deaths greatly exceeding the births, and would lead to the ridiculous conclusion that the State is being rapidly depopulated. The only correct conclusion, however, is, that the registers are very imperfect, and the law disregarded.

The first of the tables (Table I.) appended hereto exhibits the entire number of births, deaths and marriages, contained in the returns of all the towns, arranged in counties, and connected with the population of each, *as given in the U. S. Census of 1840*. [The State Census of 1840 is too imperfect to be relied on.] At the right of the table appear occasional remarks, extracted from the returns themselves. These remarks point out some of the defects of the law. The time for making the return (May) is said to be inconvenient. The return of marriages solemnized in April is not made by clergymen till the following year. In many places the town-meetings are held in March; new clerks come in, and old ones go out, just before the annual return is to be made up.* In Boston, the return is made up to January instead of May. As six months are allowed for the record of births, the returns do not, in any case, exhibit the births of the current year. In many instances whole families are recorded at once. Many births (e. g. still-born and illegitimate) are not known by, or reported to, the clerks. Where the parties belong to different counties, their marriage is sometimes recorded in both; and where they go out of the Commonwealth for the ceremony, no record is any where made of the marriage. Clergymen neglect to report marriages,† and physicians neglect or refuse to report births, diseases, &c.‡ In Ipswich, with a population of over 3000, there have been but 22 births recorded for nearly forty years. The return from Salem, amongst a population of more than 15,000, gives not a

* See return from Granby,	(Appendix E.)
† " " " Andover,	(ib.)
‡ " " " Fall River,	(ib.)

single birth. The fact that there were 145 couples married last year in that city, is perhaps some indication that the next return will be less barren. The city of Boston gives but 19 births, though Chelsea returns more than four times that number.

In view of facts like these, all observers will heartily echo the declaration of the clerk of Sutton, that "Returns *must* be incorrect, till there is some means of enforcing the law."

At the conclusion of Table I., the "Recapitulation" will exhibit the comparative fidelity of the citizens in complying with the law of registration. The county of Middlesex gives the largest return of marriages (1037); the county of Worcester, the largest number of births (1275); and the county of Suffolk the largest number of deaths (2006).

The 2d table [Table II.] hereto appended, exhibits, under their various ages, the numbers of adult males of different occupations, whose deaths are recorded as having occurred during the year 1841-2. At the right of the table is a column, which shows the comparative longevity of the various occupations, taking the numbers returned as the basis of the reckoning. This column is constructed by regarding all the individuals between the ages of 40 and 50 as being 45 years of age, (and all the other columns in like manner,) obtaining the aggregate of ages against each occupation, and dividing by the number of individuals. Very few of the estimates are based on returns sufficiently correct and full, to give more than an approximation towards the exact truth; but, in the case of the more numerous occupations, such as carpenter, laborer, mariner, yeoman, &c., the approximation is tolerably near the truth. By adding together the returns of a series of years, a good degree of accuracy, even in the other trades, &c., would be finally attained.

This calculation, applied to the whole number of adult males, gives to this class of our fellow-citizens in Massachusetts, *an approximate average age of nearly 55 years*. The leading classes of occupation, with their approximate average longevity, stand thus, viz :

Occupations.	No. of deaths.						Average age.
Blacksmiths, - - -	34	-	-	-	-	-	57
Traders, - - -	34	-	-	-	-	-	45*
Carpenters, - - -	95	-	-	-	-	-	62
Cordwainers, - - -	104	-	-	-	-	-	46
Laborers, - - -	193	-	-	-	-	-	49
Mariners, - - -	176	-	-	-	-	-	39
Yeomen, - - -	660	-	-	-	-	-	66

There seems to be no good reason why the statement of occupation should be limited to males, or to adult males. The number of females and of minors is not small, whose deaths may furnish light to the careful inquirer concerning the influence of occupation and modes of life upon health and longevity.

The 3d table (Table III.) hereto appended, exhibits the number of deaths in each town and county, during each month in the year '41-2, showing also the proportion of deaths at different ages, and in the different sexes.

The whole number of females was 4576	}	Total of both sexes, 8887
“ “ “ “ males, “ 4311		Sex not stated, 657
Excess of females, . . . 265	Total, . . . 9544	

The whole number of deaths under 10 years old is 3367 or more than one-third of the entire number. The usual proportion is about one-half. The return from Suffolk, which is more exact than any other, in fact gives 1063 under 10, which is more than half of (2006) the whole number. If we add the column of “ages not stated” to that of “under ten” (where probably most of them belong,) we have 3903, which approaches more nearly the common estimate.

In every county except Barnstable, the number of female deaths exceeds the males; and this exception is owing to extraordinary casualties in the gale of October, 1841. Comparing the remote counties with those containing the large cities and towns, there is a noticeable difference in the proportions of deaths among the two sexes.

* Yet how many young men are yearly preferring that occupation, which thus cuts off 12 years from their average of life.

Thus Suffolk gives	982	males and	883	females.
“ Bristol “	192	“ “	208	“
“ Middlesex “	703	“ “	746	“
“ Worcester “	598	“ “	628	“

Totals nearly equal	<u>2475</u>	“	“	<u>2465</u>	“
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But Hampshire gives	156	“	“	201	“
“ Hampden “	121	“	“	153	“
“ Berkshire “	175	“	“	234	“
“ Franklin “	156	“	“	180	“

Totals,	-	-	608	“	“	768	“
						<u>608</u>	

Excess of females,	-	-	-	160
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which is nearly one-seventh.

This table exhibits the comparative mortality of different seasons of the year, and of different sections of the Commonwealth.

In regard to the different seasons, the following facts appear.

1st. The greatest number of deaths occurred in October and the smallest in July, viz:

October, 994,

July, 626,

the difference being more than one-third.

2d. Deaths in the Spring months,	.	.	2178	} 4617
“ “ “ Summer “	.	.	2439	
“ “ “ Autumn “	.	.	2407	} 4795
“ “ “ Winter “	.	.	2388	

Difference in favor of Spring and Summer,	178
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The difference between Winter and Spring on the one side, and Summer and Autumn on the other, in favor of the two former, is 280.

Tables IV. and V. exhibit the diseases and causes of death, accurately classified and arranged by months and by counties, and will thus show both where and when the mortality has

been greatest. Much difficulty has been felt, in preparing these Tables, in consequence of the loose and dissimilar terms of description used in the returns. A page of synonyms connected with one of these Tables, will, in some degree, illustrate the extent of this embarrassment; and some remarks of Dr. A. A. Gould, (whose assistance I have found exceedingly useful, and indeed I may say indispensable,) will further explain this matter.

He says :

“Among many other sources of difficulty, may be mentioned the great diversity in the nomenclature. Reference to the list of terms regarded as synonymous, will illustrate this difficulty. More uniformity might be observed in this respect. About one eighth of all the causes of death are ‘not stated,’ not because the majority were as I conceive unknown—but because no pains were taken to furnish the names. In the return of one town, in which there were some fifty deaths, they were nearly all placed under three diseases.”

Great carelessness appears in stating the ages of children in the table of deaths—although accuracy on this point is exceedingly desirable. The number of children who die under the age of ten years, is awfully large,—and nothing can be more desirable than to gather every fact within reach, which may be likely to reveal the causes of such mortality, and furnish the means of reducing it. I hope that this matter may be more carefully attended to in the next year’s returns.

Where “drowned” and “poisoned” are mentioned as the causes of death, it is not stated in the returns whether the deaths were accidental or suicidal.

The following short table exhibits some facts with regard to the sexes, which are both curious and important.

CAUSES OF DTH.	SEX.	Under 1	1 to 2	2 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	Over 100	Not stated.	TOTAL.
Consumption,	Male,	19	7	4	5	31	125	92	77	79	64	52	13	-	-	23	591
	Female,	16	7	16	10	101	224	163	113	70	80	69	22	1	-	47	939
Old Age, - -	Male,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	8	92	146	47	1	8	303	
	Female,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	9	89	159	71	3	13	349	
Intemperan'e,	Male,	-	-	-	-	-	3	14	22	15	7	4	-	-	-	3	68
	Female,	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	8

Under *consumption* is exhibited the great excess of females over males who die of that disease. Under *old age*, it is to be remarked, how many more females than males outlive three-score and ten. Indeed, here is exhibited what holds good nearly throughout the whole table of diseases, to wit: that in early life mortality is greatest among females; but if females pass beyond forty-five, their chance for prolonged life exceeds that of males.

The disparity of the sexes in the number of deaths by intemperance, is very extraordinary; out of 76 deaths thus occasioned, only 8 are females.

Upon the subject of returns, I will here quote from a very interesting letter of Dr. Gould, a few suggestions which seem worthy of attention. He says:

"There are many reasons why the returns are desirable in a medical point of view. Many interesting points in the history of disease, yet remain unsettled, and can only be determined by statistical tables carefully constructed. Among them are, the average age of man, and the rate of mortality at the decennial periods of life. On such data must be based the principles of life insurance, annuities, &c. I may name, also, the comparative salubrity of different regions, of the different seasons, and the prevalent diseases of particular regions.

"There are also several diseases of great interest, on which the cause of humanity requires that light should be drawn from every possible source. *Puerperal fever* is one of them; a disease so terrible and so fatal,—and yet one which, there is reason to believe, may be materially

abated. It remains to be fully proved whether it be contagious or not ; if it proves to be contagious, as the candid admissions of honest observers seem to indicate, the present practice of many physicians and nurses must be altogether changed. In order to effect this object and others by means of the returns, it is desirable, that, in the nomenclature, a careful distinction should be made between those who die from puerperal fever *proper*, and those who die from other accidents of childbed.

"Of all diseases desolating New England, *consumption* takes the lead ; and considering what has been already done in the history and diagnosis of this disease, there is great encouragement to attempt much more. But care should be taken here, also, to include under that name nothing but tubercular phthisis. This disease is rarely found to affect youth or persons after fifty ; and yet we find a large proportion on the present returns entered at the extremes of age. This occurs in consequence of including aged persons, who have been long declining, under consumption ; whereas they would properly come under *old age*. Others should be included among *infantile*. Under the heads of *debility, decay, decline and marasmus*, some probably belong to *consumption* and others to *old age*.

"The returns from the maritime towns exhibit a large number 'lost at sea,' which are included under 'drowned.' This shows the importance of extending registration to our shipping as well as to our towns and cities."

A letter from J. I. Bowditch, Esq., of the American Academy, may be quoted, by way of further illustration of this most interesting subje ct.

"BOSTON, Feb. 1842.

"DEAR SIR,—Dr. Wigglesworth, in 1789, from returns made to the American Academy by individuals from towns scattered along the sea-coast, from Nantucket to Portland, and from towns in the counties of Middlesex, Worcester and Hampshire, and several other places, formed tables giving the expectation of life, &c. The tables are used generally in Massachusetts, and were adopted by the supreme court, in 10th Massachusetts Reports.

"It seems to me very desirable that a more extended basis should be obtained ; the measures adopted by our state government last year, were certainly wise, and highly to be commended.

"The whole number of deaths recorded by Dr. Wigglesworth,

amounted to only 4893; yet with this small number as the radix of calculation, he was enabled to deduce valuable results.

“When we consider the amount of property which, in the course of years, may be distributed according to the rates of the present tables, it does seem very important that every means should be used to test their accuracy.

“The English tables, you will perceive, are made out with great minuteness,—and I would call your attention particularly to the propriety of recording the deaths under five years, as follows :—

under 1 month,
1 month and under 2 months,
2 months and under 3 months,
3 months and under 4 months,
and so on to 12 months.

Then :—

under 1 year,
1 year and under 2 years,
2 years and under 3 years,
3 years and under 4 years,
4 years and under 5 years.

And so on, as far as you can without making your report too bulky.

“For the cause of science you run no risk in going into detail. From birth until 20 years, the figures usually show great irregularity, and for this reason, I should wish to have the tables formed as above. If the authorities in the different towns could be compelled to give their attention to returns, more accuracy would be obtained.

“Although the *first reports* may not be all that are desirable, and great fault may be found with them, yet I hope that you will use your influence to have them continued, trusting that in time the difficulties will be surmounted, and that results will be obtained which will do honor to the State.

“Very respectfully,

“J. I. BOWDITCH.”

J. A. BOLLES, Esq.,
Secretary of State. }

A brief sketch of the history of the act of March 3d, 1842, will shed some further light on the benefits which wise and good men expect from a thorough system of registration, and will confirm the views herein-before expressed.

In February, 1841, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, in Boston, appointed a committee, consisting of Hon. John Pickering and several other gentlemen, whose names are familiar in the records of science and of enlightened philanthropy, in behalf of the Academy, to memorialize the General Court upon the subject of registration. That committee prepared and presented a petition, which places the merits of this whole question in a manner so forcible, yet brief, that I cannot forbear inserting it *in totidem verbis*.

The Memorial of the undersigned, a committee of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in Boston, in behalf of said Academy, respectfully shows :

That your memorialists, with a view to the interests of science, as well as of humanity, and the public health and morals, ask leave to call the attention of your honorable body to the expediency of providing, by law, for a more exact and efficient system of registering the deaths, births and marriages, within this Commonwealth ; it having been found, by long experience, that the legal provisions already made are wholly insufficient to carry into effect the wise intentions of the Legislature.

In a measure of public policy, which has already been sanctioned by the Legislature, though with little practical effect, for a long series of years, it may seem to be superfluous to enter into a formal course of reasoning to prove its importance ; yet it may not be altogether without use to advert to some of the practical considerations, which must doubtless have an influence on the question of adopting such further legal provisions as may be necessary to effect the purposes intended by the existing laws.

Among these considerations, that of affording more effectual means of promoting the public health, by ascertaining the causes of disease, deservedly holds the first place. Many of the causes of disease, as they affect different communities, engaged in a great variety of occupations, can be ascertained only by observations on an extensive scale, far beyond the reach of individual research ; and an accurate return of deaths, from the different parts of the State, for a series of years, would

greatly aid in the investigation of these causes. As an exemplification of this view of the subject, it is asserted that the relative prevalence of the disease of consumption is much greater in some places than in others; this prevalence is supposed by some to be counteracted, in a great degree, by that of certain other diseases; and the ascertaining of the truth in this case, would probably afford the means of lessening the number of those who would fall victims to this disease.

To the paramount considerations founded on the benefits which would result to the public health and morals, and the general advancement of science, more especially in the all-important department of political economy, as applicable to our own State, may be added others of scarcely inferior practical importance.

Among these, it may be observed that such an exact registration would afford the best means of determining, in a satisfactory manner, numberless questions of consanguinity, involving the legitimacy or illegitimacy of parties, and their rights of property, which are continually occurring in our courts of justice, as well between individuals as between the municipal corporations of this Commonwealth.

It is also a well-known fact, that the present *tables of mortality*, by which the expectation of human life is now calculated, in legal and other proceedings for the various purposes of annuities, of life estates in the various species of property, are extremely defective, and consequently too uncertain to be relied upon. Now an exact registration of the deaths, for a series of years, would furnish sufficient data for the construction of accurate tables, and when the vast amount of property depending on the accurate value, or expectation of human life, is duly considered, the high importance of such tables will be justly estimated.

Every married woman in the State has her right of dower, or life estate, in the real estate of her husband; and every married man (with very limited exceptions,) has an interest for life in the real estate of his wife. When such life estates are transferred, especially under compulsory process of law, it becomes highly necessary, for the purposes of justice, that the most ample means should be provided for making a correct estimate of property, both as respects the party holding the estate, and the party to whom it is so transferred, as well as those who may be entitled to the reversionary interest in such property. The same reasoning would be applicable to cases of estimating land held for life, which should be required by the public authorities for highways, or other public uses, or by towns or other corporations, for the like objects.

It often happens, also, that charitable institutions in this Commonwealth derive their funds from the bounty of philanthropic individuals, who frequently bequeath large amounts of property to such institutions, encumbered with the payment of annuities to certain individuals during their lives ; but for want of correct data, such annuities cannot now be properly calculated. Now, by having exact tables, which can be obtained only by a long course of observations, and under some uniform system, sanctioned by legislative authority, all questions of the kinds above mentioned would be readily determined, and without the risk of doing injustice to any party interested.

Your memorialists would add, that the proposed system of registration, considered as a matter of political science, with particular reference to our own Commonwealth, as an integral portion of the United States, loses none of its importance, when we take into view the facilities which it will afford for ascertaining the ratio or law by which the native population increases from year to year, (as distinguished from the increase by emigration from other countries,) and for enabling us more justly to estimate the great interests, and the resources and means of the Commonwealth, in their relations to the public welfare of our common country.

Your memorialists, therefore, respectfully request that such measures may be adopted in the premises, as your honorable body, in its wisdom, shall deem the public interest to require.

During the same month a similar petition was prepared by order and in behalf of the counsellors of the Massachusetts Medical Society, and presented to the Legislature. From this petition I make the following extracts:—

The interests of humanity and science, as well as those of morals and the public health, would be essentially promoted by an efficient registration and return of deaths, births and marriages in all the towns of this Commonwealth. The law now requires a record of births and marriages ; but the provision is not such, your memorialists are informed, as to secure any general or adequate attention being paid to it. No public record of deaths is made, except in a very few places. And no provision is made for any return of such records as are kept, so that their results may be rendered available for the purposes of general utility.

The census of successive periods shows a rapid rate of increase of

our population,—exhibiting the remarkable fact, that the number of persons now living in this country is greater than that of all who have ever died in it since the first settlement of the country by Europeans. But in what degree this increase is the effect of causes naturally existing among us, or how far it is produced by immigration, there are at present no means of knowing. This, and many other questions of great importance in political economy and other branches of science, may be ascertained by an accurate comparison of the births and deaths with the existing population. The influence of the different employments and states of society on the public morals and the general welfare would be exhibited, and thus the means may be obtained of judging to what extent each should be fostered and encouraged.

But it is on account of its importance in promoting the public health, that your memorialists, as physicians, attach the strongest interest to this measure. Many of the causes of disease, as they affect different communities, engaged in a great variety of occupations, can only be ascertained by observations on an extensive scale, far beyond the reach of individual research. An accurate return of deaths from the different sections of the State, for a series of years, would greatly aid in the investigation of these causes, and would doubtless do much towards enabling us to find means for the removal of some of them. For example, the relative prevalence of consumption is much greater in some places than in others; and there are those who believe that its prevalence is in a great degree counteracted by that of certain other diseases. A full establishment of the truth in regard to this opinion, as it might be established by such returns as we propose, might do something at least to diminish the mortality of a disease, which now cuts off so many at the most interesting and useful period of life.

These petitions were referred to a Joint Special Committee of the two Houses, at so late a period of the session, as to render deliberate legislation at that time impossible, on which account, the committee, in their report, recommended that the subject be postponed to the next General Court, with the declaration, however, that “the committee fully concur with the memorialists in their opinion as to the beneficial effects that would result from an efficient and thorough system of public registration;” and saying further that “they hope the day is not far distant when a law that shall cover the whole ground

taken in the memorials, will receive the sanction of the Legislature."

Upon this Report, the subject was postponed to the session of January, 1842.

In February, 1842, a Special Joint Committee, to whom these memorials were referred, reported a bill entitled "An Act relating to the Registry of Births, Marriages and Deaths," (Senate Documents, No. 70,) in the terms following, viz :

SEC. 1. The selectmen of the several towns, and the mayor and aldermen of cities in this Commonwealth, shall annually, in the month of April, in each year, appoint a suitable person or persons to superintend the burials and burial-grounds in their respective towns and cities, said superintendents to hold their offices till others may be appointed; and in case of the death or removal of a superintendent, a new appointment may be made at any time during the year.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of such superintendents to give notice in writing, to the town or city clerks of their respective towns or cities, within one week from the first day of said April, in each year, of all the burials which they may have severally superintended during the preceding year, stating the name, sex, age, (and if an adult male, the occupation,) and the disease or other cause of such deceased person's death, said superintendents to receive such compensation for the above services as said towns and cities may allow: and any superintendent who shall neglect to give said notice shall be subject to a penalty of five dollars for each offence, to be recovered by an action on the case, or by complaint before a justice of the peace, to be brought by any person who shall know of such neglect.

SEC. 3. No deceased person shall be buried in any other place than a public or town burial-ground, until such a notice as is prescribed in the preceding section shall have been given either to the town or city clerk, or to some superintendent of the town or city where said burial is to take place, and any person who shall bury or cause to be buried any deceased person, until such notice has been given as aforesaid, shall be subject to a penalty of five dollars, to be recovered as in the preceding section.

SEC. 4. In case notice shall not be given to the clerk of any town or city, as now required by law, of any birth, death or marriage, it shall be the duty of such clerk to make a record of such birth, death

or marriage, upon such information as he may be able, upon due inquiry, to obtain.

SEC. 5. Every person who shall neglect, for the space of thirty days, to give notice of a birth or death, as required in the forty-seventh section of the fifteenth chapter of the Revised Statutes, shall forfeit the sum of five dollars, to be collected and appropriated as provided in the second section of this act.

SEC. 6. The said town and city clerks shall, in the month of April annually, make returns to the secretary of the Commonwealth, of all the births, deaths and marriages, which may have come to their knowledge, and which shall have been recorded in their books respectively during the year preceding the first day of said , which return shall be a certified copy of such record ; and any town or city clerk who shall neglect to make such return in manner aforesaid, shall be liable to a penalty of five dollars, to be collected and appropriated as provided in the second section of this act.

SEC. 7. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall prepare and furnish to the clerks of the several towns and cities in this Commonwealth, blank forms of returns, as herein-before specified, and shall accompany the same with such instructions and explanations as may be necessary and useful ; and he shall receive said returns, and prepare therefrom such tabular results as will render them of practical utility,— and shall make report thereof annually to the Legislature, and generally shall do whatever may be required, to carry into effect the objects of this act, and of the several provisions of the Revised Statutes not inconsistent with this act.

SEC. 8. The said several towns and cities shall pay to said superintendents and clerks, such sums for compensation for the services required by this act, as they may think proper and just, and such compensation shall be paid out of the moneys of the several towns and cities respectively.

SEC. 9. All acts and parts of acts, inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

This bill did not become a law ; but its 2d, 6th and 7th sections were condensed into two sections, and on the third of March, 1842, they were enacted, and in this form were approved, constituting the 95th chapter of the acts of that session,— under the provisions of which, this report is now prepared.

The entire insufficiency of the act to produce the desired results, must be apparent to those who have thus far read this report; and it seems somewhat surprising that, for the purpose of improving the old system, a measure like this, which varies no penalty, and furnishes to town clerks no new means of collecting information, and to the citizens at large, no new inducements to supply the town clerks with materials for their records and returns, should have been adopted.

I have ventured, with great diffidence, (and, I trust, without any violation of official decorum,) to sketch the outlines of a statute, such as I believe would be found to answer the needful purpose and supply the public wants.

The following is the sketch referred to.

Every town clerk to keep, in separate volumes, duplicate registers of births, of marriages, and of deaths.

These books of record to be prepared, in a uniform manner, by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and by him sent to each town whenever needed; the cost of the books to be paid *by the towns*: and every clerk to keep himself fully and seasonably supplied, by giving proper notice to the Secretary.

The forms of the registries in these books, to be substantially like the schedules, A, B, and C, hereunto annexed, so as to furnish authentic evidence of facts necessary to accurate statistical calculations, and to professional inquiry.

The town clerk every year, in the month of December, to transmit (properly certified and sealed up,) one set of these three duplicate volumes, with a full alphabetical index for each volume, to the Secretary of the Commonwealth; and to retain the other set in his own office, to be indexed in like manner. *A copy of said record* to be sent annually, in December, by said clerk, to the registry of deeds for his county or district; for which copy, the county shall pay to the clerk at the rate of twelve cents per page of two hundred and twenty-four words.

The duties imposed on the town clerks to be enforced by suitable penalties and rewards:—penalties for all neglect or re-

fusal to discharge their duties; and compensation, depending on the number and accuracy of their entries, say one dime for every birth, death or marriage properly recorded, without mistake, and accurately indexed:—the compensation being paid from the town treasury, in addition to fees from individuals procuring copies and certificates as herein provided.

All falsification of the records to be very severely punished. Half the fine in all cases to go to the prosecutor, who shall be a competent witness; said penalty to be recovered in an action of the case, brought in the name of the town, or by complaint.

To insure accurate returns to the town clerk of the births, marriages and deaths, the following proviso might be adopted:—

1. *In case of births.* Parents, or one of them, under penalty of twenty dollars for each omission, within a period of ten days after the birth of a child, to give notice thereof to the clerk of the town in which the birth occurs, informing him of its name, color and sex, and the day of its birth, and furnishing also the names and color of the parents, the mother's maiden name, and the father's occupation, as set forth in schedule (A).

The physician, or midwife, present at any birth, in like manner, and under like penalties, to notify the town clerk of the birth within the period above named. The keepers of jails, prisons, alms-houses, hospitals, and all other like institutions, to give notice in like manner, and under like penalties, of all births among their inmates, to the clerk of the town where the institution is situated. The commanders of all vessels of Massachusetts, sailing to or from any Massachusetts port, under like penalties, and within ten days after their arrival at a home port in this state, to notify the town clerk of the port where the vessel arrives, of all births that have occurred on board during the voyage; said notice to contain the particulars above named. Whenever a foundling is discovered, the person so finding it, to give notice of the fact to the clerk and inform him of all the particulars respecting the same.

And to insure compliance with the above requirements, it might be provided that no assistance shall be given by the overseers of the poor in any town to any individual for the

support of the unregistered children of any inhabitant of the town in which the said children were born.

2. *As to marriages.* None to be solemnized by magistrate or minister, unless, in addition to the certificate now required by law, a further certificate be produced to the magistrate, or clergyman, by the bridegroom, from the clerk of the town where the marriage is solemnized, stating that the said clerk has had twenty-four hours previous notice of the place and hour of the wedding. Every person taking part in such marriage ceremonial without the production of such notices, to be liable to a penalty of twenty dollars.

The above notice to be given to the town clerk by the bridegroom twenty-four hours before the ceremony, and the town clerk to attend (under penalty of twenty dollars) by himself or deputy, at the wedding, and make a record in duplicate in the volumes of marriage records of the marriage, to be signed by the parties, by their mark if they cannot write, and by the officiating magistrate, containing the facts stated in the form of schedule (B). For such certificates of publishment, and of notice, the town clerk to have a fee of fifty cents each, or one dollar for the two. The town clerk to have the right of appointing any needful number of deputies, for whose acts he shall be responsible, who shall be duly sworn to act in his stead, whenever he cannot officiate in person: the entries of all such deputies in the records to be verified by the countersignature of the clerk. The clerk or deputy to be authorized to ask all questions needful to complete the record, and any refusal to answer, or any false answer, to be severely punished.

3. *As to Deaths.* No burial to be performed, nor any funeral service, without a certificate from the town clerk, that due notice of the death has been furnished, and the record thereof duly made. All persons taking part in such illegal burial, as clergymen, undertakers, or relations of the deceased, to be liable to a penalty of twenty dollars each. The record to contain the facts, &c. named in schedule (C).

The medical attendant of every person deceased, shall, within ten days after the decease of such person, under penalty of twenty dollars for each offence, give notice to the town clerk of

the town where the death occurs, of the death and of the cause of said death, whether by disease or otherwise, and the entry of the cause of death may be made at any time within ten days after the death.

Every death occurring on board a Massachusetts vessel, sailing to or from any Massachusetts port, shall, like births, and under like penalties, be reported by the commander, within ten days after his arrival, with the various particulars set forth in schedule (C). A penalty of fifty dollars on the town clerk for neglect or refusal to make the entries, or to do any of the duties required by this act.

The various records to be securely kept by the town clerks, while in their custody, under lock and key when not in actual use, under a penalty of not less than one hundred dollars for all injury by defacement, alteration, or loss of the same arising from their negligence, and not less than five hundred dollars, when owing to wilful default or misconduct of the clerks. No erasure of any entry to be permitted in such manner as to conceal the words originally entered; nor any alteration, except by the entry of the cause of death, in the original entry of any birth, death or marriage, to be made after the record thereof has been signed or countersigned by the clerk, and he shall, in all cases, sign or countersign the record of each birth, &c., as soon as may be, after the same has been made.

For every inspection of such record, the secretary and the clerk to be paid one dime, by the applicant, for every volume inspected; and for certified copies of the records, at the rate of one dime per page. For failing to deliver up to his successor, any and all the records, every town clerk to forfeit not less than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, and be imprisoned one year. Copies of these records, certified by either the clerk or the secretary, to be received in evidence in all trials in our courts.

[The columns of "color" are placed in the tables in order to furnish facts very desirable to be known, in regard to the laws of life and health among mixed races,—the African and Caucasian.]

SCHEDULES.

A. *Form of Record of Births.*

18—. Births in the town of —, from —, to —.

No.	Date of Birth.	Name.	Sex.	Color.	Name and surname of father.	Name & maiden surname of mother.	Parents' color.	Occupation of father.	Signature of informant.	Date of Registration.	Signature of clerk or deputy.
1											
2											
3											

B. Form of Register of Marriages.

Marriages in the town of —, from —, 18—, to —, 18—.

No.	Date of Marriage.	Name and surname of the groom & bride.	Age of each.	Color of each.	Occupation of each.	Residence of each.	Parents' names.	Parents' occupations.

This Marriage } _____ } In presence { _____
 was solemnized } _____ } of { _____
 between us, }

A true record,

_____, Clerk.

C.

18—. Deaths in the town of —, from —, to —.

No.	When died.	Name and surname.	Age.			Sex.	Color.	Occupation.	Cause of death.	Signature of informant.	Date of registry	Signature of Registrar.	Names of parents of the deceased.
			Years.	Months.	Days.								

The foregoing schedules can require no explanation to render their intent and meaning sufficiently apparent to a careful reader. Should any person be led to the belief or apprehension that such a system of registration would be too burdensome to become practicable or popular, a short study of the character and operation of the French Code of Registration will satisfy them that there is little to apprehend from such a difficulty. It is at all events certain, that every thing of value must be obtained by labor and expense. It is a uniform law, imposed by a wise Providence upon the intellectual, not less than on the material world, that a price must be paid proportionate to the advantage received; and as the advantages that must result from a thorough registration, will be very numerous and very great, we ought not to shrink from the expenditure of time and labor needful to accomplish these results.

In concluding this report, I cannot help expressing my regret, that the very brief period within which I have had official charge of this subject, and the multitude of other labors which have divided my time and distracted my attention, oblige me to present so important a topic in a manner so imperfect before the Legislature. In my anxiety to lay the report before the two Houses before their adjournment, I have been obliged to deny myself the advantage of more careful research and reflection, and to lose the aid of several distinguished gentlemen, who might otherwise have contributed their more valuable services to my own humble efforts. Such as they are, the report and tables are now respectfully submitted, in the hope that they may, in some degree, assist the progress of humane inquiry and judicious legislation.

JOHN A. BOLLES,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

APPENDIX, A.

ENGLISH REGISTRATION ACT.

§ 14. And be it enacted, That the registrar general shall furnish to every superintendent registrar, for the use of the registrars under his superintendence, a sufficient number of strong iron boxes to hold the register books, to be kept by such registrar; and every such box shall be furnished with a lock and two keys, and no more, and one of such keys shall be kept by the registrar, and the other key shall be kept by the superintendent registrar; and the register books of each district, while in the custody of the registrar, and not in use, shall be always left in the register box, and the register box shall always be kept locked.

§ 17. And be it enacted, That the registrar general shall cause to be printed, on account of the said register office, a sufficient number of register books for making entries of all births, deaths, and marriages, of His Majesty's subjects in England, according to the forms of schedules (A.) (B.) (C.)* to this act annexed; and the said register books shall be of durable materials, and in them shall be printed upon each side of every leaf the heads of information herein required to be known and registered of births, deaths, and marriages, respectively; and every page of each of such books shall be numbered progressively from the beginning to the end, beginning with number one; and every place of entry shall be also numbered progressively from the beginning to the end of the book, beginning with number one; and every entry shall be divided from the following entry by a printed line.

§ 18. And be it enacted, That the registrar general shall furnish to every superintendent registrar, for the use of the registrars under his superintendence, a sufficient number of register books of births, and of register books of deaths, and of forms for certified copies thereof, as hereinafter provided, at a reasonable price, to be fixed from time to time by one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, the cost whereof shall be borne by the union, parish, or place, in or for which the superintendent registrar is appointed, and shall be

* These forms appear in the foregoing Report.

paid by the guardians or by the churchwardens and overseers, (as the case may be,) out of the monies coming to their hands or control as such guardians or churchwardens and overseers, to the registrar, and shall be accounted for by him to the registrar general; and every registrar shall be authorized, and is hereby required to inform himself carefully of every birth and every death which shall happen within his district after the said first day of March, and to learn and register, as soon after the event as conveniently may be done, without fee or reward, save as herein-after mentioned, in one of the said books, the particulars required to be registered according to the forms in the said schedules (A.) and (B.) respectively, touching every such birth or every such death, as the case may be, which shall not have been already registered, every such entry being made in order from the beginning to the end of the book.

§ 19. And be it enacted, That the father or mother of any child born, or the occupier of every house or tenement in England, in which any birth or death shall happen, after the said first day of March, may, within forty-two days next after the day of such birth, or within five days after the day of such death respectively, give notice of such birth or death to the registrar of the district; and in case any new-born child or any dead body shall be found exposed, the overseers of the poor in the case of the new-born child, and the coroner in the case of the dead body, shall forthwith give notice and information thereof, and of the place where such child or dead body was found, to the registrar; and for the purposes of this act the master or keeper of every gaol, prison, or house of correction, or workhouse, hospital, or lunatic asylum, or public or charitable institution, shall be deemed the occupier thereof.

§ 20. And be it enacted, That the father or mother of every child born in England, after the said first day of March, or in case of the death, illness, absence, or inability of the father and mother, the occupier of the house or tenement in which such child shall have been born, shall, within forty-two days next after the day of every such birth, give information, upon being requested so to do, to the said registrar, according to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, of the several particulars hereby required to be known and registered, touching the birth of such child.

§ 21. And be it enacted, That if any child of an English parent shall be born at sea, on board of a British vessel, the captain or commanding officer of the vessel on board of which the said child shall have been born, shall forthwith make a minute of the several particulars herein-before required to be inserted in the register touching the birth of such child, so far as the same may be known, and the name of the vessel wherein the birth took place; and shall, on the arrival of such vessel in any port of the United Kingdom, or by any other sooner opportunity, send a certificate of the said minute through the post-office to the registrar general, who shall file the same, and enter a

copy thereof under his hand in a book to be kept for that purpose in "the General Register Office," to be called the "Marine Register Book," and shall keep the said book with the other registers according to the provisions of this act.

§ 22. And be it enacted, That after the expiration of forty-two days following the day of the birth of any child, it shall not be lawful for any registrar to register such birth, save as herein-after is next mentioned; provided that, in case the birth of any child shall not have been registered according to the provisions herein-before contained, it shall be lawful for any person present at the birth of such child, or for the father or guardian thereof, at any time within six calendar months next after the birth, to make a solemn declaration of the particulars required to be known touching the birth of such child, according to the best of his or her knowledge and belief; and it shall thereupon be lawful for the said registrar then and there, in the presence of the superintendent registrar, to register the birth of the said child, according to the information of the person making the said declaration; and in every such case the superintendent registrar before whom the said declaration is made, shall sign the entry of the birth as well as the registrar, and for every such registry as last aforesaid, the superintendent registrar shall be entitled to have a fee of two shillings and sixpence from the person requiring the same to be registered; and the registrar, over and above the fee herein-after enacted, in respect of every birth registered by him, shall be entitled; unless the delay shall have been occasioned by his default, to have a fee of five shillings from the person requiring the same to be registered; and no register of births shall be given in evidence to prove the birth of any child wherein it shall appear that forty-two days have intervened between the day of the birth and the day of the registration of the birth of such child, unless the entry shall be signed by the superintendent registrar; and every person who shall knowingly register or cause to be registered the birth of any child, otherwise than herein-before is last mentioned, after the expiration of forty-two days following the day of the birth of such child, shall forfeit and pay for every such offence a sum not exceeding fifty pounds.

§ 23. And be it enacted, That after the expiration of six calendar months following the birth of any child, it shall not be lawful for any registrar to register the birth of such child, and no register of births, except in the case of children born at sea, shall be given in evidence to prove the birth of any child wherein it shall appear that six calendar months have intervened between the day of the birth and the day of the registration of the birth of such child; and every person who shall knowingly register or cause to be registered the birth of any child after the expiration of six calendar months following the day of the birth of such child, shall forfeit and pay for every such offence a sum not exceeding fifty pounds.

§ 24. And be it enacted, That if any child born in England, whose birth shall have been registered as aforesaid shall, within six calendar months next after it shall have been so registered, have any name given to it in baptism, the parent or guardian of such child, or other person procuring such name to be given, may, within seven days next after such baptism, procure and deliver to the registrar or superintendent registrar, in whose custody the register of the birth of the child may then happen to be, a certificate, according to the form of schedule (G.) to this act annexed, signed by the minister who shall have performed the rite of baptism, which certificate such minister is hereby required to deliver immediately after the baptism, whenever the same shall be then demanded, on payment of the fee of one shilling, which he shall be therefore entitled to receive; and the said registrar or superintendent registrar, upon receipt of such certificate, and on payment of the fee of one shilling, which he shall be therefore entitled to receive, shall, without any erasure of the original entry, forthwith register therein that the child was baptized by such name, and the registrar shall thereupon certify upon the said certificate the additional entry so made, and shall forthwith send the said certificate through the post-office to the registrar general.

§ 25. And be it enacted, That some person present at the death or in attendance during the last illness of every person dying in England after the said first day of March, or, in case of the death, illness, inability, or default of all such persons, the occupier of the house or tenement, or if the occupier be the person who shall have died, some inmate of the house or tenement in which such death shall have happened, shall, within eight days next after the day of such death, give information, upon being requested so to do, to the said registrar, according to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, of the several particulars hereby required to be known and registered, touching the death of such person: provided always, that in every case in which an inquest shall be held on any dead body, the jury shall inquire of the particulars herein required to be registered concerning the death, and the coroner shall inform the registrar of the finding of the Jury, and the registrar shall make the entry accordingly.

§ 26. And be it enacted, That if any of His Majesty's English subjects shall die at sea, on board of a British vessel, the captain or commanding officer of the vessel on board of which such death shall have happened, shall forthwith make a minute of the several particulars herein-before required to be inserted in the register touching such death, so far as the same may be known, and the name of the vessel wherein the death took place, and shall, on the arrival of such vessel in any port of the United Kingdom, or by any other sooner opportunity, send a certificate of the said minute through the post-office to the registrar general, who shall file the same, and enter a copy thereof under

his hand in the marine register book, and keep the same with the other registers, according to the provisions of this act.

§ 27. And be it enacted, That every registrar, immediately upon registering any death, or as soon thereafter as he shall be required so to do, shall, without fee or reward, deliver to the undertaker or other person having charge of the funeral, a certificate under his hand, according to the form of schedule [E.] to this Act annexed, that such death has been duly registered, and such certificate shall be delivered by such undertaker or other person to the minister or officiating person who shall be required to bury or to perform any religious service for the burial of the dead body, and if any dead body shall be buried for which no such certificate shall have been so delivered, the person who shall bury, or perform any funeral or any religious service for the burial shall forthwith give notice thereof to the registrar: provided always, that the coroner, upon holding any inquest, may order the body to be buried, if he shall think fit, before registry of the death, and shall in such case give a certificate of his order in writing under his hand, according to the form of schedule [F.] to this Act annexed, to such undertaker, or other person having charge of the funeral, which shall be delivered as aforesaid; and every person who shall bury or perform any funeral or any religious service for the burial of any dead body, for which no certificate shall have been duly made and delivered as aforesaid, either by the registrar or coroner, and who shall not within seven days give notice thereof to the registrar, shall forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding ten pounds for every such offence.

§ 28. And be it enacted, That every person by whom the information contained in any register of birth or death under this Act shall have been given, shall sign his name, description, and place of abode in the register; and no register of birth or death according to this Act shall be given in evidence, which shall not be signed by some person professing to be the informant, and to be such party as is herein required to give such information to the registrar.

§ 29. And be it enacted, That every registrar shall make out an account four times in every year of the number of births and deaths which he shall have registered since the last quarterly account, and the superintendent registrar shall verify and sign the same; and the guardians or overseers of the parish, township, or place in or for which he shall be registrar, on production of the said account so verified and signed, shall pay to the said registrar, out of the monies in their hands or power as such guardians or overseers, such sums as he shall be entitled to receive on the said account according to the following scale; (that is to say,) for the first twenty entries of births and deaths in every year which he shall have registered, whether the same be of births or of deaths indiscriminately, two shillings and sixpence each, and one shilling for every subsequent entry of births or deaths in each year; and in the case of an

union the said several sums shall be charged to the account of the parishes in which such births or deaths respectively shall have occurred.

§ 30. And be it further enacted, That the registrar general shall furnish or cause to be furnished to the rector, vicar, or curate of every church and chapel in England wherein marriages may lawfully be solemnized, and also to every person whom the recording clerk of the society of Friends commonly called Quakers, at their central office in London, shall, from time to time, certify in writing under his hand to the registrar general to be a registering officer in England of the said society, and also to every person whom the president for the time being of the London committee of deputies of the British Jews shall, from time to time, certify in writing under his hand to the registrar general to be the secretary of a synagogue in England of persons professing the Jewish religion, a sufficient number in duplicate of marriage register books, and forms for certified copies thereof, as herein-after provided; and the cost of all such books and forms shall be paid by the churchwardens and overseers of the parish or chapelry out of the monies in their hands as such churchwardens and overseers, or by the registering officer or secretary respectively to whom the same shall be furnished.

§ 31. And be it enacted, That every clergyman of the church of England, immediately after every office of matrimony solemnized by him, shall register in duplicate in two of the marriage register books the several particulars relating to that marriage according to the form of the said schedule [C.]; and every such registering officer of the Quakers, as soon as conveniently may be after the solemnization of any marriage between two Quakers in the district for which he is registering officer, and every such secretary of a synagogue, immediately after every marriage solemnized between any two persons professing the Jewish religion, of whom the husband shall belong to the synagogue whereof he is secretary, shall register or cause to be registered in duplicate in two of the said marriage register books the several particulars relating to that marriage according to the form of the said schedule [C.]; and every such registering officer or secretary, whether he shall or shall not be present at such marriage, shall satisfy himself that the proceedings in relation thereto have been conformable to the usages of the said society, or of the persons professing the Jewish religion, as the case may be, and every such entry as herein-before is mentioned (whether made by such clergyman or by such registering officer or secretary respectively as aforesaid,) shall be signed by the clergyman or by the said registering officer or secretary as the case may be, and by the parties married, and by two witnesses, and shall be made in order from the beginning to the end of each book, and the number of the place of entry in each duplicate marriage register book shall be the same.

§ 32. And be it enacted, That in the months of April, July, October, and

January, on such days as shall from time to time be appointed by the registrar general, every registrar shall make and deliver to the superintendent registrar of his district, on durable materials, a true copy, certified by him under his hand according to the form of schedule [D.] to this Act annexed, of all the entries of births and deaths in the register book kept by him since the last certificate, the first of such certificates to be given in the month of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, and to contain all the entries made up to that time: and the superintendent registrar shall verify the same, and if found to be correct shall certify the same under his hand to be a true copy; and if there shall have been no birth or death registered since the delivery of the last certificate, the registrar shall certify the fact, and such certificate shall be delivered to the superintendent registrar as aforesaid, and countersigned by him; and the registrar shall keep safely each of the said register books until it shall be filled, and shall then deliver it to the superintendent registrar, to be kept by him with the records of his office.

§ 33. And be it enacted, That the rector, vicar, or curate of every such church and chapel, and every such registering officer and secretary, shall, in the months of April, July, October, and January respectively, make and deliver to the superintendent registrar of the district in which such church or chapel may be situated, or which may be assigned by the registrar general to such registering officer or secretary, on durable materials, a true copy certified by him under his hand of all the entries of marriages in the register book kept by him since the last certificate, the first of such certificates to be given in the month of July one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven, and to contain all the entries made up to that time, and if there shall have been no marriage entered therein since the last certificate, shall certify the fact under his hand, and shall keep the said marriage register books safely until the same shall be filled; and one copy of every such register book, when filled, shall be delivered to the superintendent registrar of the district in which such church or chapel may be situated, or which shall have been assigned as aforesaid to such registering officer or secretary, and the other copy of every such register book kept by any such rector, vicar or curate shall remain in the keeping of such rector, vicar, or curate, and shall be kept by him with the registers of baptisms and burials of the parish or chapelry within which the marriages registered therein shall have been solemnized; and the other copy of every such register book of marriages among the people called Quakers, and among persons professing the Jewish religion respectively, shall remain under the care of the said people or persons respectively, to be kept with their other registers and records, and shall, for the purposes of this Act, be still deemed to be in the keeping of the registering officer or secretary for the time being respectively.

§ 34. And be it enacted, That every superintendent registrar shall, four times in every year, on such days as shall be therefore named by the registrar

general, send to the registrar general all the certified copies of the registers of births, deaths, and marriages which he shall have so received during the three calendar months next preceding such quarterly days of transmission respectively; and if it shall appear, by interruption of the regular progression of numbers or otherwise, that the copy of any part of any book, has not been duly delivered to him, he shall procure, as far as possible, consistently with the provisions of this act, that the same may be remedied and supplied; and every such superintendent registrar shall be entitled to receive the sum of two-pence for every entry in such certified copies; and every superintendent registrar shall make out an account four times in every year of the number of entries in the certified copies sent to him during the last quarter, and the certified copies so sent to the general registry office, shall be thereafter kept in the said office in such order and manner as the registrar general, under the direction of the secretary of state, shall think fit, so that the same may be most readily seen and examined.

§ 41. And be it enacted, That every person who shall wilfully make, or cause to be made, for the purpose of being inserted in any register of birth, death, or marriage, any false statement touching any of the particulars herein required to be known and registered, shall be subject to the same pains and penalties as if he were guilty of perjury.

§ 42. And be it enacted, That every person who shall refuse or without reasonable cause omit to register any marriage solemnized by him, or which he ought to register, and every registrar who shall refuse or without reasonable cause omit to register any birth or death of which he shall have had due notice as aforesaid, and every person having the custody of any register book, or certified copy thereof or of any part thereof, who shall carelessly lose or injure the same, or carelessly allow the same to be injured whilst in his keeping, shall forfeit a sum not exceeding fifty pounds for every such offence.

§ 43. And be it enacted, That every person who shall wilfully destroy or injure or cause to be destroyed or injured, any such register book or any part or certified copy of any part thereof, or shall falsely make or counterfeit, or cause to be falsely made or counterfeited, any part of any such register book or certified copy thereof, or shall wilfully insert or cause to be inserted in any register book or certified copy thereof any false entry of any birth, death, or marriage, or shall wilfully give any false certificate, or shall certify any writing to be a copy or extract of any register book, knowing the same register to be false in any part thereof, or shall forge or counterfeit the seal of the register office, shall be guilty of felony.

§ 44. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no person charged with the duty of registering any birth, death or marriage, who shall discover any error

to have been committed in the form or substance of any such entry, shall be therefore liable to any of the penalties aforesaid if, within one calendar month next after the discovery of such error, in the presence of the parents of the child whose birth may have been so registered, or of the parties married, or of two persons attending upon any person in his or her last illness, whose death may have been so registered, or, in case of the death or absence of the respective parties aforesaid, then in the presence of the superintendent registrar and of two other creditable witnesses who shall respectively attest the same, he shall correct the erroneous entry, according to the truth of the case, by entry in the margin, without any alteration of the original entry, and shall sign the marginal entry, and add thereunto the day of the month and year when such correction shall be made: provided also, that in the case of a marriage register he shall make the like marginal entry, attested in like manner in the duplicate marriage register book to be made by him as aforesaid, and in every case shall make the like alteration in the certified copy of the register book to be made by him as aforesaid, or in case such certified copy shall have been already made, provided he shall make and deliver in like manner a separate certified copy of the original erroneous entry, and of the marginal correction therein made.

**FORMS OF REGISTERS OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS, IN THE
KINGDOM OF PRUSSIA.**

1. BIRTHS.

Names of the child baptized.	Names and condition of parents. Remarks in the case of a bastard whose father is unknown.	Day and hour of birth.	Day of baptism	Names of Godfathers and Godmothers.

2. MARRIAGES.

Names and condition of Bridegroom.	Names of the Bridegroom's father.	Names of the Bride.	Names of the Bride's father.	Date of Marriage.	Witnesses' names.

3. DEATHS.

Name and condition of the deceased.	Day and hour of the Death.	Age.	Disease and cause of Death.	Whether heirs of the deceased are known.

The above forms are somewhat varied in the record of Jewish Births and Deaths.

FORMS OF REGISTER BOOKS AND ENTRIES IN PRUSSIA.

"Those whose banns were called, and who were married in the month of _____."

No.	Christian & surname of bridegroom, his place of residence and rank.	Christian & surname of father.	Age of bridegroom.	Whether it was the parents or the guardian who gave the consent, & how it was brought about.	Whether the bridegroom has been married before, and how the marriage was dissolved.	(Christian & surname of the bride.	Christian & surname of the bride's father, his condition and residence.	Age of the bride.	Whether the consent was given by the parents or by the guardian, & how it was brought about.	Whether the bride has been already married, and how the marriage was dissolved.	Day of the marriage, in letters and figures.	Name of the clergyman who celebrated the marriage.
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"Births and Baptisms in the month of _____."

No.	Christian name of the child.	Day and hour of the birth, in figures and letters.	Whether legitimate or illegitimate.	Christian name, surname and rank of father.	Christian and surname of mother.	Residence of the parents.	Date of the Baptism.	Name of the clergyman officiating.	Names of the witnesses to the baptism.
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"Deaths in the month of _____."

No.	Christian and surname of the deceased; in case of children, the name and condition of the father also.	Condition of the deceased.	Age.			Whether deceased has left wife and children of age, or minors.	Day and hour of death, in letters and in figures.		Disease causing the death.	Name of clergyman to whom notice of the death was given, and the proofs by which he was satisfied that the deceased was the person he was declared to be.	Day of the burial.	Churchyard in which the interment took place.
			Years.	Months.	Days.		Day.	Hour.				

REGISTER OF MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS, IN SPAIN.

The vicar or curate of each parish keeps the archives. The following are the formula of—1st, marriages; 2nd, baptisms; 3d, deaths.

1. Pedro Cruz, (single or widower,) to Juanna Perez, (single or widow.)

In the parish church of —, 16th April, 1840, I, W. H., rector, (vicar or curate,) married P. C., native of —, son of D. and J. C., married and natives of same place, to J. P., native of —, daughter of N. and M. P., married and natives of —. Sponsors, Pedro Garcia and Maria Gil Witnesses, A. B. and C. D.

2. Juan Garcia Leon.

In the parish church of —, on the 5th day of January, 1842, I, W. H., rector, (vicar or curate,) solemnly baptized Juan, legitimate son of Vincent, native of —, and of Matilda, native of —, paternal grandfather and grandmother, A. G., and M. L., natives of —. Sponsors, D. G. and M. L.

N. B. The surname of the parent is not inserted in the body of the register, because it is inscribed in the margin.

3. Married, single or widower, and testate, or intestate.

L. M., native of —, son of M. and R. M., died on the 13th day of February, 1834, aged —, years. He lived in — street, of this parish. He received the holy sacrament before his death. Married to M. G., (if married,) his will (if any) was made before the notary J. P. B.

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Deaths,	L. M.	p. 15, A, or B.

FRANCE.—The following certificate will show how the various registries are kept in France.

1. Of Marriage.

Seine Royal, (Paris) Dec. 10th, 1842. 9 o'clock A. M., marriage act of A. B. (turner in wood, born at Paris the — day of — 18—, at No. —, in — street, in this ward (arrondissement) eldest son of S. G. deceased, and of D. M. his widow aged 57, residing in Paris at No. —, in — street, who was present consenting:) and of C. D. seamstress, born at —, the — day of — 18—, residing with her father and mother at No. —, in — street, in this department, minor child of S. D., cook, aged 52, and of P. his wife aged 47, both of whom were present, consenting. The preliminary documents, to wit, the certificate of publication duly made on Sundays Dec. 12th and 19th inst. in this ward, at noon, and duly posted, without objection; the record of the birth of both parties; and the certificate of the death of the bridegroom's father, in due form of law, were read, together with that chapter of the civil code which relates to the respective rights of the parties.

The parties betrothed then made declaration of Marriage in presence of — —, baker, aged 25, residing at No. — in — street, and of — —, turner, aged 30, residing at No. — in — street, witnesses on the part of the husband: and of — —, joiner, aged 40, and — —, carpenter, aged 50, both residing at No. —, in — street, witnesses on the part of the wife.

After which we, C. G., proprietaire, assisted by the mayor of this first department, as civil magistrate, declared, in the name of the law, that said parties were man and wife;—the parties, the father, and the several witnesses, (after this record was read in their hearing,) subscribing the same; the two mothers being unable to write.

(Here follow the signatures above mentioned.)

2. Birth.

The — day of — 18—, at 11½ A. M., record of birth of A— V—, born at No. —, in — street, yesterday at 11 o'clock P. M., the son of — —, porter, aged 53, and of — — his wife, aged 40, at the said residence.

The child was produced, and declaration made before us. — —, 'proprietaire' and — —, mayor of the 1st department, by A. B., the midwife aged 62, residing at No. — in — street, attended by S. A., coach-maker, aged 68, residing in the same street, and A. B., coach-painter, aged 43,

residing at No. — in — street, who with declarant signed hereto with us, after reading.

(Here follow the signatures.)

3. Death.

Record of the death of R. B., seamstress, aged 29, wife of J. C., water bailiff, 27 years of age, born at S, died at No. —, — street, yesterday at — o'clock in the morning :—verified by us H. M., assisted by the mayor of the first department of Paris, upon the declaration of S. C., hairdresser, 57 years of age, residing at No. — street, J. C. the husband of the deceased, who has declared himself unable to sign ;—the first witness has signed with us after reading.

(Here follow the signatures.)

AUSTRIAN FORMS OF REGISTRATION.

No. 1. Marriage Register.

Date.		BRIDEGROOM.						BRIDE.					WITNESSES.		
1843.	No. of the house.	Name.	Religion.		Age.	Single.	Widower.	Name.	Religion		Age.	Single.	Widow.	Name	Condition.
			Catholic.	Protestant.					C.	P.					
Feb.															
15th.															

No. 2. Register of Births.

Date.	No. of the house.	Name.	Religion.		Sex.		Legitimate.	Illegitimate.	Parents.		Sponsors.	
			C.	P.	Boy.	Girl.			Father.	Mother.	Names.	Condition.

No. 3. Register of Mortality, kept by Ministers.

Year.	No. of house.	Name of deceased	Religion.		Sex.		Age.	Maledy and mode of death.
			C.	P.	Male.	Female.		
Month								
Day.								

APPENDIX, B.

Extracts from Testimony before the English Committee.

JOHN BOWRING, Esq., L. L. D.

"I can state that I have seen no system on the whole, so complete as that of the Code Napoleon—and I have, within the last 6 months, had occasion to watch its working in almost every part of France." "The committee, are perhaps, aware there are two duplicate documents constantly produced, one of which is lodged in the communal archives, and the other in the *Tribunaux de Premiere Instance*: so that there are two sources of knowledge; and whenever I have had occasion to trace the history of an individual,—that is, his birth, marriage and death,—I have been able to do so with extreme facility and complete success."

"As respects births, the law requires that within three days after birth, the child shall be produced* to the local authority, who is the mayor of the commune; he is bound to register the time of its birth, the hour and place of birth, and the names and profession of its parents."

"As respects deaths, no interment can take place without the authority of the civil functionary, who is required to see the body, it being ordered that notice should be given within 24 hours after the death of the party, to the authorities, who then record the fact, and the period of death, also in duplicate."

"All these registrations are gratuitous. There is a fee for any extract that may be required."

"The register which is deposited in what is the general recipient of the archives, is that to which individuals apply for transcripts. At the end of the year, the whole of these documents are arranged, centralized, and their results transmitted to the superior functionary, and by him reported to the minister of the Interior, and they form the elements of those statistical tables, which are published from time to time, and which have often been praised for their completeness."

"I think the system of registry has been one of the most important results of the (French) revolution. Thousands of questions that would be embarrassing here, are set at rest by the action of a great machine, that operates by a universal law from the centre to the extremities."

"Even in various parts of Europe, formerly under the dominion of France, and which have been restored to their former sovereigns, they retain the French system in preference to returning to the old laws of their country."

* The "maire," if needful, calls at the parents' house for inspection

JOHN FINLAISON, Esq., *Actuary of the National Debt Office.*

"In order to procure an approximation to the rate of mortality which prevails among the working classes in *this* country, I resorted to the public register at Ostend in Flanders, where I made an observation on the mortality of the town for a period of 26 years." "My attention was drawn to the extreme precision of their system, which, I believe, is precisely the same as prevails in France." "The town clerk stated to me that it was impossible for any person in their country to lose his inheritance, because he and his ancestry could be traced back with the utmost certainty for any number of years." "At short intervals a duplicate of the registry is sent to the principal town of the Arrondissement, (Bruges.)"

In regard to the advantages of this system, he said "I was enabled to determine the expectation of life, and the values of annuities and of life insurance for each sex, and at every age from the birth." "I was also enabled to determine the rate of mortality in early infancy,—a thing totally unknown in this country."

M. ADOLPHE QUETELET, *Director of the Brussels Observatory.*

"Before the occupation of the Netherlands by the French, (and before the introduction of the Code Napoleon,) the registers were in lamentable plight. They were kept by the clergy. Since the revolution of 1830, an attempt was made to put a certain portion of the registries again into the hands of the clergy: but it led to such animadversions and discontent, that they have found it necessary to return to the former practice. There were originally objections felt to the introduction of this system, but I have never heard any objection to its operation."

"It is a subject of wonder to every intelligent stranger, that in a country so intelligent as England, with so many illustrious persons occupied in statistical inquiries, and where the state of the population is the constant subject of public interest, *the very basis on which all good legislation must be grounded*, has never been prepared."

* This was before the Registration Act. Since that period the writers of the Continent have done justice to English labors and legislation upon this subject. An eulogium, equally just and hearty, on the act of Parliament, may be found in the "*Annales d'Hygiène*," (tome 23, pp. 111-12,) from the pen of Dr. Marc d'Espine.

APPENDIX, C.

"BOSTON, Feb. 21, 1843.

"DEAR SIR,—I have often regretted that the law or the practice as to preserving in the clerk's office an accurate list of births, deaths and marriages, should have so entirely ceased; down to 1760, or thereabouts, the records are very perfect (except some volumes lost by a fire). The system seemed to be a very simple and satisfactory one. A volume was kept, in which, under the different letters of the alphabet, the births, deaths, &c., were entered—the volume being ruled in such manner as to make the dates, &c., strike the eye easily. The importance of such a system in enabling us to obtain accurate statistics of births and deaths, is very evident. Its convenience in regard to titles of real estate, is also very great. Whether the present neglect of the law (Rev. Stat., chap. 15, sect. 46-47,) can be in any way prevented, or whether any new provisions or penalties can advantageously be introduced, I am too little of a legislator to be able to judge. Perhaps some important hints may be derived from a recent statute in England upon the same subject, which, however, I have not myself seen.

Yours very respectfully,

"JNO. A. BOLLES, Esq.

N. I. BOWDITCH."

Mr. Grimaldi, a solicitor, examined by the English commissioners, said that "there are so many cases where the descent of property depends entirely on the circumstance of the death of an ancestor or relation taking place before or after he attained 21 years of age, as well as on his being born in the life-time of another person, that it is remarkable no steps should have been taken to remedy this deficiency."

Upon the policy of keeping the record in duplicate, and making a return of one of them to the central office, he says he thinks it "indispensably necessary. I saved," added he, "a large estate from being taken out of a family by a town clerk of Cambridge, in consequence of desiring parties who applied to me, to search for the duplicate. I desired, after the first trial, that diligent search should be made for a duplicate, and a duplicate was accidentally found, and did not contain the false entry;" as soon as the clerk knew of this discovery he absconded. "In the first action he had actually recovered a very fine estate, by having forged an entry in the parish registry."

The testimony of *Richard Matthews, Esq.*, an eminent barrister, examined by the same committee, is full of instruction upon the necessity of registration full, minute, methodical and authentic. He mentions a multitude of cases oc-

curing within his own practice or knowledge, illustrating this necessity. In one of these cases, an old man, as witness in an important ejectment case, swore that he was 101 years old: but upon his baptismal register being afterwards found, it appeared that he was not above 80 years old. Mr. Matthews said he thought it fully "as necessary for the preservation of the titles and rights of individuals to preserve a register of births, marriages and deaths, as it is to preserve a register of deeds."

Edgar Taylor, Esq., another solicitor, testified in like manner. He likewise considered such a system of registration "of the highest importance," and supported his opinion by reference to various cases.

"Take for instance," said he, "the late lamentable case of the deaths in the same house (by the same accident,) of Lord and Lady Walsingham. It would be absolutely necessary for many legal purposes, to know who survived. The French registries require the precise hour of death and birth to be inserted."

Joseph Parkes, Esq., a gentleman of the legal profession of extensive practice, concurring in these opinions, furnished a number of striking illustrations of the indispensable necessity of full and accurate registers in all pedigree cases. Of the importance of keeping duplicates of the record, one in the parish, and another at the central office, he produced some examples worthy of particular attention. "The Rev. Mr. Foley, the rector of Swinford, told me," said Mr. P., "that he once went up stairs to fetch a register book of older date, and that, when he came back, he found the ink of the book he left, wet, and the parties applying for extracts had altered the register. Another clergyman detected an individual who came to his church with his mouth full of parchment, nearly chewed to pieces."

These are but specimens of the numerous cases which might be quoted from the testimony of these and other professional gentlemen.

(See the report of the Parliamentary Committee, Aug. 1833.)

APPENDIX, D.

"PLYMPTON, May 16, 1842.

The undersigned was chosen town clerk of Plympton, March 9, 1812, and has been annually re-elected up to the date hereof, and has recorded every birth, death, publishment and marriage, which has happened in the town of Plympton, during that period. He also commenced statistical tables in the town records, and has yearly set down in those tables, the number of births, deaths, amount of ages, publishments, &c., and from those tables the following statements are here made for a period of thirty years, between January 1, 1812, and January 1, 1842.

The whole number of deaths in Plympton, during said thirty years, was—males, 218; females, 225—total, 443. The yearly average number of deaths was 14 23-24. The average age of all the deceased persons, was 40 years, 10 months, and 25 15-24 days. The average age of the males was 39 years, 9 months, and 9 20-24 days. The average age of the females, was 41 years, 11 months, and 26 8-24 days. Eleven of the aforesaid four hundred and forty-three deceased persons were drowned, viz: eight at sea; one in Kingston, one in the Ohio river, and one in Plympton. But one colored person was among the deceased. Two persons committed suicide—one shot himself, and the other hung himself. The ages of all the deceased persons were obtained to a day, except fifteen; and the ages of these fifteen were obtained to a year, and nine of the fifteen were obtained to a month.

The whole number of births in Plympton, during said thirty years, was—378 males; 333 females—total 711. The yearly average number of births was 23 7-10. There was no colored person among the births. There were eight twin-born children, and six illegitimate children.

The whole number of publishments was 306, and 163 of the couples published lived in Plympton after their marriage.

The number of widowers, who married widows, was 18. The number of widowers, who married single women, was 36. The number of single men, who married widows, was 8.

During the aforesaid thirty years, and among the aforesaid four hundred and forty-three deaths, there were,—

- 58 under one year old.
- 51 one year old, and under 10.
- 37 ten years old, and under 20.
- 39 twenty years old, and under 30.
- 44 thirty years old, and under 40.
- 33 forty years old, and under 50.
- 30 fifty years old, and under 60.
- 35 sixty years old, and under 70.
- 49 seventy years old, and under 80.
- 49 eighty years old, and under 90.
- 18 ninety years old, and under 100.

443, total.

According to the State census of 1840, the population of Plympton, is 861. The population of Plympton continues about stationary, owing to removals abroad. There were probably as many people in Plympton, at the commencement of the war of the revolution, as there are now, in 1842.

LEWIS BRADFORD,

Town Clerk.

APPENDIX, E.

ANDOVER.

Marriages are not always solemnized where the parties belong. Individuals call on a favorite clergyman, in town or out. Frequently their returns are imperfect—do not state *where* married, or the year, month or day, *when* married. The returns of the settled clergymen are also very irregular. Sometimes a return is sent in, stating that the following persons were married the past year, without date or month, or residence of parties. Deaths are seldom, I might almost say, never returned. Births are not returned agreeably to the law—very few within the year, probably not exceeding twelve in number. If the clerk happen to know the name and date, he sets them down.

I am, sir, yours,

SAM. JOHNSON, JR.

FALL RIVER, June 22, 1842.

*To the Secretary of
the Commonwealth:*

DEAR SIR—Circumstances beyond my control, have prevented me from complying with your respectful request, relative to returns of births, marriages and deaths, “punctually within the time prescribed by the act.”

It is no satisfaction for me to undertake any thing of this kind, unless I can arrive at something near accuracy; and although I have not accomplished it in the present instance, yet I have come *nearer* than I anticipated.

Immediately upon the receipt of the “Blank” and “Instructions,” I issued the enclosed circular to each of *our* physicians, and also to others, who practised within the limits of this town. (The circulars enclose blanks to be filled and request coöperation.) Some of the circulars were responded to with the *right spirit*: others were entirely disregarded. I called on such, and pressed the subject upon their attention, personally, again and again. By this means, I “*extorted*” a few additional returns. And I am sorry to be obliged to say that two or three of our *principal* physicians have, thus far, “neglected and refused” to give me any information upon the subject,—and I am left to do the best I can, by estimation and judgment. Their reasons are, “it is too much trouble, and *correct* statistics cannot be obtained.” Shame on their want of patriotism and public spirit! It is partly in consequence of this, that I have not been able to give more names, &c., under the head of “Deaths.” I acknowledge to the world, that I have not complied with the letter of the law,

and am therefore liable to the penalty. The procrastination of others, on whom I was mainly dependent for the desired information, was the cause, and not a want of *attention, will, or disposition*, on my own part. Even one of our senators, who assisted in making the law, has rendered no assistance in its execution, although an M. D.

Yours, very respectfully,

B. EARL,

Town Clerk.

GRANBY, May 30, 1842.

DEAR SIR:—I should like this law better, had the Legislature said *April 1st*, instead of *May 1st*, annually. Because, first, the law now provides the returns of marriages shall be made annually in the month of April, which practically, is from the 1st of April in one year to the 1st of April in the next; and, of course, the certificates of marriages solemnized this year in the month of April, the town clerk cannot obtain until next year, consequently the two laws so interfere with each other, that they cannot both be executed. Secondly: because the annual election of town officers is in the month of March or April, and town records for the year are brought to a close at the time of their annual meetings, and the newly elected officers immediately assume the duties of their respective offices; and when the office of town clerk is changed, as it very frequently is, it would be impossible for such new clerk to make out a correct return, according to the usual mode of keeping the records in our towns, which is to enter the births and deaths in the records of the family to which they may belong, no account of them, as a whole, being kept by the town clerk, except for the purpose of showing their aggregate numbers, on which he receives his fees for recording.

I would also suggest that the act might be amended, by striking out of the second line (in your copy,) the words, "copy of their record," and substituting therefor the word "*return*," for it is impossible to give an exact copy of the record, for these records, although kept correctly, are so scattered, and so entered, that an exact copy, or transcript, cannot be made. A correct return may be made, and that, I suppose, is all that is wanted.

Please excuse the liberty I have taken, in making these remarks, and believe me,

Yours very respectfully,

WILLIAM BELCHER.

To the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

TABLE I.

ABSTRACT OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS,

WHICH APPEAR IN THE

RETURNS OF THE VARIOUS TOWNS,

FOR 1841-42:

AND THE POPULATION OF EACH BY THE

UNITED STATES CENSUS OF 1840.

TABLE I.

SUFFOLK COUNTY.

CITIES & TOWNS.	Popul'n.	Marr.	Bths.	Dths.	REMARKS.
Boston, -	93,383	738	* 19	1919	The return for Suffolk was from Jan. 1, 1842 to Jan. 1, 1843.
Chelsea, -	2390	30	82	87	
	95,773	768	101	2006	

- ESSEX COUNTY.

Salem, -	15,082	145	.	287	One clergyman has made no return of marriages for 6 years—not 20 births are returned annually, nor 5 deaths. I shall pay the fine if exacted; it would cost me \$10 to collect the information.
Amesbury, -	2471	8	11	11	
Andover, -	5207	21	35	50	
Beverly, -	4689	45	40	72	
Boxford, -	942	10	10	8	
Bradford, -	2222	10	49	43	
Danvers, -	5020	38	45	29	
Georgetown, -	1540	15	39	21	
Gloucester, -	6350	52	105	82	
Hamilton, -	818	9	22	16	
Ipswich, -	3000	23	.	40	Imperfect in every part except marriages. Only 22 births recorded since 1806.
Lynn, -	9367	58	40	74	
Lynnfield, -	707	6	13	6	
Manchester, -	1355	20	54	45	
Marblehead, -	5575	43	194	113	
Methuen, -	2251	26	65	29	
Middleton, -	657	6	21	13	

TABLE I.—CONTINUED.

ESSEX COUNTY.—CONTINUED.

CITIES & TOWNS.	Popul'n.	Marr.	Bths.	Dths.	REMARKS.
Newburyport, -	7161	61	296	114	
Rockport, -	2650	19	74	52	
Rowley, -	1203	4	16	10	
Salisbury, -	2739	20	30	37	
Saugus, -	1098	18	30	22	
Topsfield, -	1059	5	3	15	
Wenham, -	689	9	25	9	
W. Newbury, -	1560	10	25	16	
	85,412	683	1242	1220	
					No Returns from following Towns:—
					Essex, - - 1450
					Haverhill, - - 4336
					Newbury, - - 3789
					<u>9575</u>

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

Acton, -	1121	5	.	16	Births not recorded.
Ashby, -	1246	17	36	23	
Billerica, -	1632	15	1	31	One birth only recorded.—Law neglected—some record whole families at once.
Boxborough, -	426	7	10	4	
Brighton, -	1425	7	9	14	
Burlington, -	510	1	10	7	Few births recorded, and some not publicly known.
Charlestown, -	11,484	104	6	161	
Concord, -	1784	13	6	44	
Carlisle, -	556	2	1	9	Supposed 9.

TABLE I.—CONTINUED.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.—CONTINUED.

CITIES & TOWNS.	Popul'n.	Marr.	Bths.	Dths.	REMARKS.
Chelmsford, -	1697	20	17	28	Not one death returned. Notice given that the Statute will be strictly enforced.
Cambridge, -	8409	39	8	91	Very few names of diseases given.
Dracut, -	2188	14	1	3	
Groton, -	2139	17	45	42	
Holliston, -	1782	15	78	45	
Hopkinton, -	2245	32	52	55	
Lexington, -	1642	19	18	19	Very few returns made.
Lincoln, -	686	2	15	13	
Littleton, -	927	13	9	11	
Malden, -	2514	22	8	19	Supposed about 30.
Marlborough, -	2101	27	65	28	
Sudbury, -	1422	14	26	36	
Stoneham, -	1017	12	33	13	
Sherburne, -	995	2	22	17	
Shirley, -	957	9	16	4	
South Reading, -	1517	25	30	23	
Townsend, -	1892	16	.	23	Births not stated.
Tewksbury, -	906	4	.	9	Births not stated.
Lowell, -	20,796	366	20	421	Whole No. not ascertained. Very few names of diseases given.
Medford, -	2478	14	100	29	
Newton, -	3351	17	4	22	Imperfect.
Natick, -	1285	8	6	16	
Pepperell, -	1571	14	29	18	
Reading, -	2193	19	1	.	No returns of deaths have been made.
Tyngsborough, -	870	9	29	14	Return made from other sources than record.

TABLE I.—CONTINUED.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.—CONTINUED.

CITIES & TOWNS.	Popul'n.	Marr.	Bths.	Dths.	REMARKS.
Wayland, -	998	6	34	16	
W. Cambridge,	1363	11	35	26	
Weston, -	1092	8	13	15	
Westford, -	1436	7	27	21	
Wilmington, -	859	10	33	17	
Woburn, -	2993	25	5	58	Few births entered; clerk says they are more important than deaths—as a live dog is better than a dead one.
Waltham, -	2504	30	72	59	
Watertown, -	1810	20	62	29	
	90,819	1037	992	1549	No Returns from following Towns:—
					Bedford, - - - 929
					Dunstable, - - - 603
					Framingham, - - - 3030
					Somerville, - - -
					Stow, - - - 1230
					5792
					90,819
					Total in County, 96,611

WORCESTER COUNTY.

Ashburnham, -	1652	18	54	31	Only two or three returns of births and deaths have been made.
Auburn, - -	649	4	10	9	
Athol, - -	1591	18	50	35	
Berlin, - -	763	1	8	12	Great remissness in returns.
Bolton, - -	1186	4	27	18	
Boylston, -	797	7	8	14	Marriages of persons belonging to different towns are sometimes returned in both towns.
Barre, - -	2751	21	73	40	

TABLE I.—CONTINUED.

WORCESTER COUNTY.—CONTINUED.

CITIES & TOWNS	Popul'n	Marr.	Bths.	Dths.	REMARKS.
Brookfield, -	2472	19	.	52	
Charlton, -	2117	20	7	15	Very imperfect.
Douglas, -	1617	20	20	18	
Dana, - -	691	4	.	10	No record of births and marriages kept.
Fitchburg, -	2604	23	7	1	Great neglect—notice given of the statute.
Gardner, -	1260	14	54	23	
Grafton, - -	2943	56	18	36	Imperfect.
Hardwick, -	1789	14	.	23	Will endeavor to get returns of births hereafter.
Holden, - -	1874	15	61	27	
Harvard, -	1571	13	30	22	
Hubbardston, -	1784	13	53	20	
Lancaster, -	2019	19	6	24	
Leicester, -	1707	7	55	31	
Leominster, -	2069	20	3	38	
Lunenburg, -	1272	12	1	22	
Millbury, -	2171	16	61	23	
Mendon, -	3524	31	47	30	
Milford, - -	1773	15	55	17	
New Braintree,	752	7	21	12	
Northbridge, -	1449	16	20	13	
Nth. Brookfield,	1485	15	40	29	
Northborough,	1248	9	18	18	
Oxford, - -	1742	14	19	22	
Oakham, -	1038	9	22	28	
Paxton, - -	670	6	15	12	

TABLE I.—CONTINUED.

WORCESTER COUNTY.—CONTINUED.

CITIES & TOWNS.	Popul'n.	Marr.	Bths.	Dths.	REMARKS.
Petersham, -	1775	20	29	19	
Princeton, -	1347	12	40	21	
Phillipston, -	919	5	2	14	Very imperfect.
Royalston, -	1667	12	45	22	
Rutland, -	1260	8	25	21	
Shrewsbury, -	1481	13	6	21	Law greatly neglected.
Southborough,	1145	10	27	19	
Southbridge, -	2031	14	5	26	Very imperfect.
Sterling, -	1647	14	10	5	Lamentable neglect.
Starbridge, -	2005	12	8	42	
Sutton, -	2370	14	10	15	Returns must be incorrect till there is some means of enforcing the law.
Templeton, -	1776	5	2	16	No returns of births and deaths for several years.
Uxbridge, -	2004	19	31	37	
Upton, -	1466	16	47	22	
Westborough,	1658	16	.	27	
West Boylston,	1187	13	25	23	
Westminster, -	1645	13	5	13	
Worcester, -	7497	159	9	158	
Warren, -	1290	13	37	10	
Webster, -	1403	12	9	3	
Winchendon, -	1754	20	40	28	
	91,357	900	1275	1287	No Returns from following Towns :—
					Dudley, - - 1352
					Spencer, - - 1604
					<u>3956</u>

TABLE I.—CONTINUED.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.

CITIES & TOWNS.	Popul'n.	Marr.	Bths.	Dths.	REMARKS.
Amherst, -	2550	21	77	49	
Belchertown, -	2554	28	.	.	No record hitherto kept; have made a beginning.
Cummington, -	1237	10	18	16	Very imperfect; great neglect.
Chesterfield, -	1132	2	.	17	
E. Hampton, -	717	2	17	8	
Enfield, -	976	8	35	7	
Goshen, -	556	5	12	10	
Greenwich, -	824	7	11	11	
Granby, -	971	3	7	20	(Vide return copied into report.)
Hatfield, -	933	8	30	9	
Hadley, -	1814	25	51	30	
Middlefield, -	1717	4	89	11	
Northampton, -	3750	42	125	59	
Pelham, -	956	10	17	6	
Prescott, -	780	8	15	12	
South Hadley, -	1458	14	24	23	
Southampton, -	1157	8	23	15	
Westhampton, -	759	4	11	13	Imperfect.
Williamsburg, -	1309	14	25	15	
Worthington, -	1197	7	32	25	No record of births and deaths kept.
Plainfield, -	910	9	.	21	Entire neglect to make returns.
	28,257	239	619	377	No Returns from following Towns :—
					Ware, - - 1890
					Norwich, - - 750
					2640
					28,257
					30,897

TABLE I.—CONTINUED.

HAMPDEN COUNTY.

CITIES & TOWNS.	Popul'n.	Marr.	Bths.	Dths.	REMARKS.
Brimfield, -	1419	11	.	16	
Blandford, -	1427	22	35	25	
Chester, -	1632	10	10	15	Little attention paid to record.
Holland, -	423	2	4	6	Clerk hopes returns will be enforced, or law repealed.
Longmeadow, -	1270	7	31	14	
Ludlow, -	1268	10	28	23	
Monson, -	2151	32	50	25	
Montgomery, -	740	5	14	9	
Palmer, -	2139	15	40	.	No record of deaths by clerk or physicians.
Russell, -	955	5	9	6	
Springfield, -	10,985	173	.	48	
Wales, -	686	17	25	19	
Westfield, -	3526	24	.	56	No record of births and deaths for several years.
W. Springfield, -	3626	18	.	11	
Wilbraham, -	1864	7	6	22	
	34,111	358	252	295	No Returns from following Towns :—
					Southwick, - - 1214
					Granville, - - 1414
					Tolland, - - 627
					3255
					34,111
					Total in County, 37,366

TABLE I.—CONTINUED.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

CITIES & TOWNS.	Popul'n.	Marr.	Bths.	Dths.	REMARKS.
Ashfield, -	1610	21	2	6	No attention paid to registering Births.
Bernardston, -	992	14	17	15	
Buckland, -	1084	6	2	18	
Charlemont, -	1127	12	25	16	
Conway, -	1409	14	21	9	
Deerfield, -	1912	12	.	36	Nothing on town Record.
Erving, - -	309	2	3	4	
Gill, - -	798	5	27	7	
Greenfield, -	1756	12	58	40	
Hawley, - -	977	2	22	14	
Leverett, -	875	8	23	13	Incomplete.
Leyden, - -	632	2	22	13	
Monroe, - -	282	.	8	1	
New Salem, -	1305	11	35	24	
Orange, - -	1501	9	40	30	
Rowe, - -	703	4	15	6	Time for returns should be altered.
Shelburne, -	1022	6	24	11	
Shutesbury, -	987	8	22	16	
Sunderland, -	719	5	12	9	
Wendell, -	875	3	21	12	
Whately, -	1072	6	24	9	No Returns from following Towns:—
Warwick, -	1071	8	29	16	
Montague, -	1255	7	2	21	
	24,273	177	454	353	
					Heath, - - - 896
					Northfield, - - 1673
					Coleraine, - - 1971
					4539
					24,273
					Population in County, 28,812

TABLE I.—CONTINUED.

BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

CITIES & TOWNS.	Popul'n.	Marr.	Bths.	Dths.	REMARKS.
Alford, - -	481	3	9	5	
Becket, - -	1342	8	12	9	
Clarksburg, -	370	3	10	3	No birth, death or marriage on record.
Dalton, - -	1255	8	31	18	No returns of births or deaths.
Egremont, -	1038	3	.	.	No returns—shall comply hereafter.
Florida, - -	441	8	15	4	
Gt. Barrington,	2704	11	68	30	
Hinsdale, -	955	1	25	19	
Lee, - -	2428	15	62	51	
Lanesborough,	1140	5	28	17	
Lenox, - -	1313	6	.	1	No returns of births or deaths made.
Mt. Washington,	438	.	21	7	
New Marlboro',	1682	12	45	28	
New Ashford, -	227	1	7	7	
Otis, - -	1177	10	36	30	
Peru, - -	576	6	13	13	
Pittsfield, -	3747	4	56	74	
Richmond, -	1097	6	6	29	
Sandisfield, -	1464	7	20	26	No pains taken by citizens.
Savoy, - -	915	6	1	2	
Stockbridge, -	1992	8	30	22	
Tyringham, -	1477	6	6	4	No Returns from following Towns :—
Washington, -	991	2	18	19	Adams, - - 3703
Williamstown,	2153	18	29	32	Cheshire, - - 985
					West Stockbridge, 1448
					Hancock, - - 922
					Sheffield, - - 2322
					Windsor, - - 897
	31,403	157	548	450	
					10,277

TABLE I.—CONTINUED.

NORFOLK COUNTY.

CITIES & TOWNS.	Popul'n.	Marr.	Bths.	Dths.	
Bellingham, -	1055	5	16	10	
Braintree, -	2168	24	55	38	
Brookline, -	1365	8	5	14	
Cohasset, -	1471	19	23	19	
Dedham, -	3290	30	98	60	
Dover, -	520	1	3	9	
Dorchester, -	4875	44	34	86	
Foxborough, -	1298	10	20	17	
Franklin, -	1717	15	35	24	
Medfield, -	883	6	20	14	
Medway, -	2043	33	7	2	Only 2 deaths and 2 births returned for 2 years.
Needham, -	1488	14	36	23	
Quincy, -	3486	32	125	48	
Roxbury, -	9089	37	8	42	
Sharon, -	1076	7	4	17	
Stoughton, -	2142	39	36	32	
Wrentham, -	2915	17	.	.	Not one tenth births have been returned for 10 years, and a smaller proportion of deaths.
Weymouth, -	3738	31	120	55	
	44,619	370	645	510	No Returns from following Towns:—
					Canton, - - 1995
					Milton, - - 1823
					Randolph, - - 3213
					Walpole, - - 1491
					<hr/> 8521

TABLE 1.—CONTINUED.

BRISTOL COUNTY.

CITIES & TOWNS.	Popul'n.	Marr.	Bths.	Dths.	REMARKS.
Attleborough, -	3585	30	82	45	
Berkley, -	886	10	20	16	
Dartmouth, -	4135	23	.	.	No births or deaths recorded for a number of years.
Dighton, -	1378	15	2	16	
Easton, -	2074	24	70	27	
Fairhaven, -	3951	39	162	33	
Fall River, -	6736	84	375	69	(Return contains a sensible letter, copied into the report.)
Mansfield, -	1382	19	49	19	
Norton, -	1545	16	6	6	
Pawtucket, -	2184	10	142	34	Physicians from R. Island practise here.
Raynham, -	1329	4	1	21	
Rehoboth, -	2169	34	45	32	
Seekonk, -	1996	23	25	35	Clerk has exerted himself unsuccessfully.
Swansey, -	1484	8	.	.	No births or deaths reported.
Taunton, -	7645	43	5	52	
Westport, -	2820	33	.	26	
	45,301	415	984	431	No Returns from following Towns :—
					Freetown, - - 1773
					New Bedford, - 12,087
					Somerset, - 1005
					14,864

TABLE I.—CONTINUED.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY.

CITIES & TOWNS.	Popul'n.	Marr.	Bths.	Dths.	REMARKS.
Abington, -	3214	28	89	56	Record very imperfect.
Carver, - -	995	2	30	9	
Duxbury, -	2798	32	93	26	
E. Bridgewater,	1950	12	20	21	
Halifax, -	734	7	21	13	
Hanson, -	1040	11	17	2	
Hull, - -	231	.	5	6	
Hanover, -	1488	17	20	15	
Hingham, -	3564	24	117	57	
Kingston, -	1440	12	15	23	
Middleborough,	5085	30	17	22	
Marshfield, -	1761	10	40	36	
N. Bridgewater,	2616	20	76	52	
Pembroke, -	1258	8	6	9	
Plympton, -	834	9	22	10	
Rochester, -	3864	19	.	.	No returns—but thinks they may be complete next year.
Scituate, -	3886	28	46	63	
W. Bridgewater,	1201	13	32	12	No Returns from following Towns :—
Wareham, -	2002	15	40	21	
	39,961	297	706	453	
					Bridgewater, - 2131 Plymouth, - - 5281 <hr/> 7412

TABLE I.—CONTINUED.

BARNSTABLE COUNTY.

CITIES & TOWNS.	Popul'n.	Marr.	Bths.	Dths.	REMARKS.
Chatham, -	2334	28	60	44	
Dennis, -	2942	13	40	39	
Eastham, -	955	8	27	22	
Harwich, -	2930	28	200	21	
Falmouth, -	2589	24	60	29	
Orleans, -	1974	12	33	18	
Provincetown,	2122	25	42	18	
Sandwich, -	3719	20	63	18	
Truro, -	1920	16	71	80	
Wellfleet, -	2377	13	45	35	
Yarmouth, -	2554	29	48	47	
	26,416	216	689	371	No Returns from following Towns :—
					Barnstable, - - 4301
					Brewster, - - 1522
					<u>5823</u>

NANTUCKET AND DUKES COUNTY.

Nantucket, -	9012	102	.	184	
Chilmark, -	702	3	13	10	
Edgartown, -	1736	13	.	26	
Tisbury, -	1520	7	51	22	
	12,970	125	64	242	

RECAPITULATION.

COUNTIES.	Population.	Marr.	Bths.	Dths.	Popula'n of towns making no Ret's
SUFFOLK,	95,773	768	101	2006	.
ESSEX,	85,412	683	1242	1220	9575
MIDDLESEX,	100,819	1037	992	1549	5792
WORCESTER,	91,357	900	1275	1287	3956
HAMPSHIRE,	28,257	239	619	377	2640
HAMPDEN,	34,111	358	252	295	3255
FRANKLIN,	24,273	177	454	353	4539
BERKSHIRE,	31,403	157	548	450	10,277
NORFOLK,	44,619	370	645	510	8521
BRISTOL,	45,301	415	984	431	14,864
PLYMOUTH,	39,961	297	706	453	7412
BARNSTABLE,	26,416	216	689	371	5823
DUKES,	2958	23	64	58	,
NANTUCKET,	9012	102	.	184	.
	660,672	5742	8471	9544	76,654
Towns not returning dths.	13,183				660,672
9544)	642,489	1 death to 67 inhab.			737,326
					Population of State, (exclusive of unincorp'd places.)

TABLE II.

OCCUPATIONS AND AGES OF ADULT MALES.

TABLE II.

OCCUPATION.	Under 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	Not stat- ed.	Total.	Approximate average lon- gevity.
Army Officer,					1						1	55
Baker, - -	1	2	3	1		1			1		9	42
Blacksmith, -		4	5	4	3	6	9	3			34	57
Butcher, -		2	1	1		1				1	6	39
Cabinet-maker,		8		2	2	2					14	38
Carpenter, -		8	11	10	22	16	13	9	4	2	95	62
Chaise-maker,			2	1							3	38
Clergyman, -		3	2	2		3	2		2		14	55
Clerk, - -	1	13	4	1	1	4	2				26	38
Coachman, -	1						1				2	45
Cooper, - -		1	1	1	1	1	1	2		1	9	52
Cordwainer, -	2	25	17	14	15	11	8	7	1	4	104	46
Currier, - -		1	5		1	3	2				12	50
Engineer, -			1							2	3	35
Fisherman, -	1	2	2		1	1	2	1		3	13	49
Gentleman, -		1		1	3						5	47
Hatter, - -					1	2	2				5	67
Laborer, -	5	35	30	34	25	25	24	10	2	3	193	49
Landlord, -			2	3		2	1				8	51
Lawyer, -			2	2	4	1	3				12	56
Machinist, -		3	3	2	4		1	1			14	46
Manufacturer,	1	11	5	6	1	2					26	35
Mariner, -	5	64	38	19	16	9	14	4	1	6	176	39
Mason, - -	1	5	4	3	2	3	1	1			20	41

TABLE II—CONTINUED.

OCCUPATION.	Under 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	Not stat- ed.	Total.	Approximate average lan- guage.
Merchant, -		6	9	7	5	6	2	3	1		39	50
Miller, - -			1	1	2						4	47
Ostler, - -		4	1								5	27
Painter, - -	1	4	1	1	3	2					12	41
Paper-maker, -			2		1						3	41
Pauper, - -		1	1		4	5	1	2	1		15	56
Physician, -		1	1		1		3	1			7	61
Pilot, - -		1				1	1				3	55
Printer, - -			3	2							5	37
R. R. Contractor				1							1	45
Saddler, -				1	1			1			3	61
Sailmaker, -		1		1		1					3	45
Ship-builder, -						1	1				2	70
Stone-cutter, -			4	1		2	1				8	49
Student, -		11						1			12	30
Tailor, - -		4		1		1	2	1	1		10	54
Teacher, -		3	2	2	2						9	38
Teamster, -				2							2	45
Tinworker, -		3									3	25
Trader, - -	1	6	8	8	5	2	4				34	45
Victualler, -			1	2	1		1				5	51
Wheelwright,		1		3		2	1	1	1		9	61
Yeoman, -	3	41	30	50	84	102	162	126	36	26	660	66
Artizans, sundry		3	2	5	6	8	2	3			29	46
	23	278	204	195	218	226	267	177	51	48	1687	

TABLE III.

TABLE OF SEXES AND AGES,

ARRANGED BY

COUNTIES AND MONTHS.

TABLE III.—SUFFOLK COUNTY.

Months.	Sex.			Total.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2	2 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	Not stat- ed.	Total.
	Not stat- ed.	Male.	Fem.																
May, -	11	96	80	187	39	32	17	4	7	21	18	18	7	12	3	6	2	1	187
June, -	-	16	62	56	35	11	17	4	7	16	15	8	4	6	5	3	-	3	134
July, -	-	16	62	61	44	18	12	4	7	13	17	6	3	4	6	1	-	4	139
August, -	-	13	102	108	81	40	19	7	4	18	16	9	10	6	8	-	1	4	223
September, -	-	12	106	95	64	40	13	3	5	17	25	16	12	6	5	1	-	6	213
October, -	-	12	113	73	47	20	21	4	12	24	20	20	9	11	8	2	-	-	198
November, -	-	12	72	66	29	16	21	8	7	18	18	11	5	7	8	2	-	-	150
December, -	-	9	94	81	32	24	37	10	5	20	16	7	6	11	5	8	1	2	184
January, -	-	12	67	67	41	12	9	6	8	15	18	13	6	7	4	2	1	4	146
February, -	-	6	63	56	32	13	9	4	5	16	16	10	5	5	5	3	1	1	125
March, -	-	10	64	68	33	10	20	6	7	11	18	16	9	5	4	3	-	-	142
April, -	-	12	81	72	32	35	19	9	11	9	11	16	11	3	5	3	-	1	163
Total,	-	141	982	883	509	271	214	69	85	198	208	150	87	83	66	34	6	26	2006

TABLE III.—CONTINUED. ESSEX COUNTY.

Months.	Sex.		Total.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2	2 to 5	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Not stat- ed.	Total.
	Not stat- ed.	Male.	Fem.															
May, -	1	42	50	93	5	6	8	6	8	13	7	8	8	5	6	2	5	93
June, -	5	36	26	67	7	2	8	4	11	5	2	2	6	4	7		3	67
July, -	4	22	44	80	4	5	9	4	12	6	7	6	4	7	2	2	5	80
August, -	4	51	46	101	19	11	8	6	18	8	6	4	4	5	4		6	101
September, -	8	47	66	121	13	12	14	7	11	9	6	7	9	8	4		17	121
October, -	3	49	64	116	11	9	14	5	4	10	9	5	12	8	7	2	11	116
November, -	2	33	43	78	6	9	8	4	5	7	2	3	5	4	12	1	5	78
December, -		47	52	99	9	5	5	6	6	9	8	8	9	11	9	3	3	99
January, -		45	54	99	4	6	6	11	7	10	12	4	7	4	10	4	5	99
February, -	3	41	53	99	7	5	3	1	11	7	14	7	8	11	9	6	7	99
March, -	5	48	75	128	12	1	16	3	10	13	6	12	12	16	12	5	5	128
April, -	10	58	61	129	17	11	5	9	15	10	7	8	13	13	10	4	4	129
Not stated, -	6	1	3	10	5		1	1				1					2	10
Total,	51	530	639	1220	119	82	100	67	68	134	96	80	93	110	86	29	78	1220

TABLE III.—CONTINUED. MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

Months.	Sex.			Total.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2.	2 to 3.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Not stated.	Total.
	Not stated.	Male.	Fem.																
May, -	7	55	49	111	10	11	11	12	3	8	11	12	10	6	4	10	2	1	111
June, -	5	56	45	106	14	7	15	5	11	9	13	8	6	3	5	4		6	106
July, -	11	48	52	111	20	6	9	8	6	15	6	7	10	10	5	3		6	111
August, -	10	70	71	151	32	19	17	17	11	13	7	4	8	6	6	4		7	151
September, -	11	77	93	181	41	24	28	8	10	15	11	9	5	6	8	7	2	7	181
October, -	8	49	68	125	23	9	9	2	13	14	10	8	4	10	7	4	2	10	125
November, -	12	53	59	124	22	10	13	1	3	18	7	11	4	7	8	6		14	124
December, -	4	54	56	114	15	9	10	4	6	18	13	11	2	2	8	5	2	9	114
January, -	7	50	49	106	14	8	10	11	10	8	6	9	9	6	8	4		3	106
February, -	7	52	68	122	17	5	14	6	6	22	11	4	8	14	8	4		3	122
March, -	6	67	60	133	19	7	13	10	11	15	10	10	9	7	11	8	1	2	133
April, -	4	58	64	126	19	8	7	8	12	15	11	10	9	12	8	3	1	3	126
Not stated, -	8	14	17	39	5		1	2	1		2	2	1	4	5	2	3	11	39
Total, -	39	703	746	1549	251	123	137	94	103	170	118	105	85	98	91	64	13	82	1549

TABLE III.—CONTINUED. WORCESTER COUNTY.

Months.	Sex.		Total.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 5 years.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Not stated.	Total.
	Not stated.	Male.	Fem.															
May, -	2	27	41	70	3	3	1	5	8	4	7	6	6	7	7	2	11	70
June, -	5	50	33	88	7	6	6	3	8	5	5	5	5	14	11		12	88
July, -	2	38	37	77	5	7		7	5	10	11	3	8	4	7		8	77
August, -	5	49	44	98	15	9	3	9	9	11	7	8	5	7	3	2	5	98
September, -	11	61	74	146	24	17	3	5	13	10	9	5	7	6	7	3	15	146
October, -	9	70	74	153	13	8	7	8	15	12	8	10	15	11	12	3	15	153
November, -	4	41	44	89	4	4	2	5	14	4	10	11	6	6	5	1	11	89
December, -	3	39	48	90	4	4	2	9	12	7	4	11	5	10	4	4	4	90
January, -	3	55	49	107	6	1	4	4	10	7	11	5	13	13	10	5	13	107
February, -	5	51	58	114	17	4	4	7	12	9	5	14	6	6	7	6	10	114
March, -	5	68	62	135	14	12	7	5	16	11	6	6	5	15	12	3	10	135
April, -	7	49	64	120	12	7	4	7	15	5	8	6	11	12	18	1	7	120
Total,	61	598	628	1287	124	65	43	74	137	95	91	90	92	111	103	30	121	1287

TABLE III.—CONTINUED. HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.

MONTHS.	Sex.		Total.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2	2 to 5	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Over 100.	Not stated.	Total.
	Not stated.	Male.																	
May, -	2	8	11	6		1			5	3				1	1	1		3	21
June, -	-	9	7	2	1	1		2	5	1			1	3					16
July, -	-	9	7	2			2	3	2	1	2		2	1				2	17
August, -	-	12	18	2	2	1	1	2	8	3	2	1	1	1	2	1		3	30
September, -	-	17	19	3	5	2	1	4	7	4	3	1	3	3	1			3	40
October, -	-	20	23	6	4	1	4	4	5	2	3	2	5	3	3			7	49
November, -	-	8	13	3		1		3	4	3	1		2	3	1				21
December, -	-	13	18	2	1	2	1	1	3	3	1	6	4	3	4	1		1	33
January, -	-	14	25	2	2	1	3	6	3	1	1	3	5	6	2		1	3	39
February, -	-	13	12	3	1	1	1	2	2	2	2		1	4	6	1		1	27
March, -	-	18	24		2	4	1	4	6	3	6	4	4	3	4			4	45
April, -	-	15	24	5	3	2		4	6	1	1	5	2	7	2			1	39
Total,	20	156	201	36	21	17	14	35	56	27	22	22	30	38	26	4	1	28	377

TABLE III.—CONTINUED. HAMPDEN COUNTY.

Months.	Sex.			Total.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2	2 to 5	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Not stated.	Total.
	Not stated.	Male.	Fem.																
May, -	2	6	9	17	1	2	1		1	3			1		6	1		1	17
June, -		10	14	24	3		2		2	4	4	1	3		2	2		1	24
July, -	4	9	13	26			2	2	4	4	2	2	3	2	1	2	2	2	26
August, -	1	5	10	16	1	1	1	1			1		1	2	3	1	2	2	16
September, -	3	9	15	27	1	1	1		2	4	1	3	1	2	4	2	2	3	27
October, -	2	14	16	32	1	2		2	3	2	6	3		3	2	6		2	32
November, -		8	16	24	1			3		7	5	3		1		3	1		24
December, -	1	16	7	24		1	1	1	3	4	3	1	1	3	4	1		1	24
January, -	2	6	9	17	2		1	1	1	3	1	2		1	3	1		1	17
February, -		7	14	21	3		2	1	2	3	1	2	4	1		2			21
March, -	3	13	12	28	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	2	1	1	5	1	1	1	28
April, -	3	18	18	39	1	3	3	3	2	3	1	1	4	6	7	3	1	1	39
Total,	21	121	153	295	16	12	16	17	22	40	27	20	19	22	37	25	7	15	295

TABLE III.—CONTINUED. FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Months.	Sex.			Total.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Over 100.	Not sta- ted.	Total.
	Not sta- ted.	Male.	Fem.																	
May, -	-	8	10	18	1		2	1	1	5	1	2			3	1			1	18
June, -	-		14	16	3		2	1	1	4		5	2	4	2	3	2		2	31
July, -	-	2	12	8	2	1	2		3	1	2	2		2	4		1		2	22
August, -	•	2	19	19	2	1	10	3	4	2	1	2	4	2	3	3	1		2	40
September,	-	3	10	20	7	5	2	4	3	1	3	3		2	2	1				33
October,	-		13	21		1	3	1	2	11	4		4	5		1			2	34
November,	-	1	7	16	2		1		2	4		1	2	5	4	1	1		1	24
December,	-	1	12	10	3		2		1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	1		1	23
January,	-	2	15	13			4	1	2	2	3	3	2	3	5	2		3		30
February,	-	1	12	13	3	1	1	1	2	1		2	2	5	2	4	1	1		26
March, -	-	2	17	16	5	2	1	3		4	3	5	3	2	3	4				35
April, -	-	2	17	18	4	3		2	4	3	2	2	1	3	5	6	1		1	37
Total,	-	17	156	180	32	14	30	17	25	40	21	29	22	35	35	29	8	1	15	353

TABLE III.—CONTINUED. BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

MONTHS.	SEX.			Total.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Over 100.	Not stat- ed.	Total.
	Not stat- ed.	Male.	Fem.																	
May, -	-	14	17	31	4	3	1	3	2	1	3	4	3	3	2	2			2	31
June, -	-	10	17	27	1	3	2	2	4	2	2	1	2	5	1	1				27
July, -	-	6	16	22	1		1	3	3	2	3	3	2	2	2	2				22
August, -	-	3	8	13	2	2	3	2	4	3	1	1	1	1	2	1			2	24
September, -	-	2	13	20	4	1	8	3	3	1	3	2	3	3					4	35
October, -	-	4	17	21	1	10	3	3	4	3	4	2	2	2	6	3			1	42
November, -	-	1	15	20	1	2	5	2	4	5	3	3	1	3	3	2	1	1		36
December, -	-	3	9	17	3	1	6	2	1	3	1	2	2	1	4	2	1			29
January, -	-	1	19	17	3	3	3	3	2	4	4	3	1	2	4	3	2			37
February, -	-	2	17	20	3	5	6	3	3	5		1	1	4	7	3			1	39
March, -	-		23	26	4	1	7	4	5	5	3	3	5	4	1	3	3		1	49
April, -	-	3	21	26	6	2	1	2	6	9	1	4	4	2	5	3	1		4	50
Not stated, -	-	22	3	4	6	4	3								1				15	29
Total,	-	41	175	204	39	18	57	31	39	43	20	33	27	29	46	25	8	1	30	450

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TABLE III.—CONTINUED. NORFOLK COUNTY.

Months.	Sex.			Total.	Under 1												Total.		
	Not sta- ted.	Male.	Fem.		Year.	1 to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.		90 to 100.	Not sta- ted.
May, -	2	9	10	21	2	2	1	1		1		3	1	5	2	1		21	
June, -	6	16	9	31	4	2			5	2	3	2	4	4	2		1	31	
July, -	4	16	15	35	4	2	2	1	1	2	5		4	3	3		3	35	
August, -	7	27	25	59	12	5	2	3	3	3	6	4	5	3	2	1	2	59	
September, -	5	20	31	56	12	11	5	1	7	2	2	3	6	1	2	1	3	56	
October, -	7	16	25	48	8	9	6	2	4	5	1	3	3	2			3	48	
November, -	1	14	16	31	1	3	3	1		2	1	3	4	6	2	2	2	31	
December, -	3	19	20	42	2	1	4	2	4	5	2	1	3	5	2	3	4	42	
January, -	4	26	22	52	6	5	4	2	5	7	1	3	4	3	7		3	52	
February, -	2	19	18	39	5	1	4	2	3	5	4	4	2	4	2		3	39	
March, -	3	17	24	44	5	1	5	1	8	3	3	3	3	8	2		2	44	
April, -	4	19	25	48	7	2	7	1	4	2	4	2	2	8	5		3	48	
Not stated, -	4			4	1												3	4	
Total,	52	218	240	510	69	42	55	20	17	46	33	34	30	41	52	31	8	32	510

TABLE III.—CONTINUED. BRISTOL COUNTY.

MONTHS.	SEX.			Total.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2	2 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100.	Over 100.	Not stated.	Total.
	Not stated.	Male.	Fem.																	
May, -	1	15	24	40	5		1	4	8	3	5	5		4	5	2	1		1	40
June, -	6	14	8	28	2		1	3	4	2	3	3	2	2	2	3	2	1		28
July, -	4	12	13	29	4		1	2	3	5	3	3	2	2	1	4			1	29
August, -	5	16	20	41	6	5	4	1	2	3	3	3	3	2	3		1		3	41
September, -	7	20	11	38	3	4	8	1		4	3	3	2		3	3	1		3	38
October, -	2	13	15	30		2		1	5	1	7	3	3	2	3				6	30
November, -	2	9	10	21			2	1	4	1	4	4	2	2	1	1			2	21
December, -	1	16	22	39	1		1	1	3	6	5	3	3	5	3	6	1		3	39
January, -	1	13	18	32	4		3	3	1	3	2	3	1	4	5				3	32
February, -	1	16	17	34	2	2		1	3	6	4	1	4	5	2	3			1	34
March, -		17	16	33	1	2	1	1	2	4	2	2	4	2	5	4			3	33
April, -		22	17	39		2	2	1	2	8	3	3	5	4	3	2		1	3	39
Not stated, -	1	9	17	27			11		2				2		2	4			6	27
Total,	31	192	208	431	28	17	35	15	20	59	35	42	33	34	38	32	6	2	35	431

TABLE III.—CONTINUED. PLYMOUTH COUNTY.

Months.	Sex.			Total.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2	2 to 5	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Not sta- ted.	Total.
	Not sta- ted.	Male.	Fem.																
May, -	2	14	20	36	2	1	1		3	4	2	5	4	4	2	4	3	1	26
June, -	2	18	21	41	3	4	2	3	3	5	2	2	1	2	4	6		4	41
July, -	2	13	13	26	6		1	2	5	4	2	1	4		2		1		26
August, -	6	10	16	32	7	5	3		2	2		1	3		2			7	32
September, -	5	16	9	30	6	6	2	1		3	3	1	1	2		2		3	30
October, -	3	21	16	40	8	1	6	3	1	3	2	3	3	1	2	2	4	1	40
November, -		16	13	29	1	1	2	1	3	4	2	1	2	5	1	2		4	29
December, -	3	15	12	30	5			1	3	4	3	4	1	2	4	2		1	30
January, -	3	20	19	42	8	3		3	1	4	4	7	1	5	5	5		1	42
February, -	6	22	23	51	4	5	7	1		7	1	1	2	2	7	9	2	3	51
March, -	3	16	34	53	2	2	5	3	4	3	2	5	6	4	7	6	1	8	53
April, -	1	17	17	35	5		2		2	5	1	2	4	3	4	4	3		35
Not stated, -	1	1	4	6	2				1		1		1		1				6
Total,	37	199	217	453	54	26	31	18	28	48	25	33	33	30	41	42	14	28	453

TABLE III.—CONTINUED. BARNSTABLE COUNTY.

MONTHS.	SEX.			Total.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2	2 to 5	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Not stated.	Total.
	Not stated.	Male.	Fem.																
May, -	-	9	9	18		1	1	1	2	2	2	1		2	3	2	1		18
June, -	-		14	10	1	4	2		2	5	3	2	1	3	1			1	25
July, -	-		13	10	2	1		2	2	2	6	2	1	1	2		1	1	23
August, -	-		9	7	5	1	4		1		1	1	2			1			16
September, -	-	1	12	15	9	4	1	1	1	3	1	1	2	1	2			2	28
October, -	-	6	91	11	4	4	2		34	29	15	5	2	1	3	3		6	108
November, -	-	1	11	11	2	3	1		1	5	3	4	1			1		2	23
December, -	-		7	10			2	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	3	1		1	17
January, -	-	1	8	12	1	4	2		1	3	3	1	1		1	1	1	2	21
February, -	-		11	11	1		1	3	4	2		1	1	4	3	1	1		22
March, -	-		13	16	2	1	3			3	2	5	2	3	5	3			29
April, -	-		11	13	3	3	1		4	1	2	5	2		1	1		1	24
Not stated, -	17			17					2	4	1							10	17
Total, -	27	209	135	371	30	26	20	9	55	61	40	29	16	17	24	14	4	26	371

TABLE III.—CONTINUED. NANTUCKET AND DUKES COUNTY.

Months.	SEX.			Total.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Not sta- ted.	Total.
	Not sta- ted.	Male.	Fem.																
May,	4		5	9	2	1	1			2	1			2	1			2	9
June,	6	2	4	12	2	1		1		2				2				4	12
July,	3	6	8	17	2	1	1	2			2	1		1	3		2	2	17
August,	5	1	6	12	5			1	1	2	1				1				12
September,	16	3	3	22	12	3	1			2		2	1	1					22
October,	10	1	8	19	2	3						1	2	2	1	3		5	19
November,	6	9	12	27	6	5	1	1		2	4		2	2			2	1	27
December,	2	4	6	12	2		1					1	1	2	4			1	12
January,	3	10	13	26	2	1	1			2	2	2	3	3	5			5	26
February,		15	18	33	7			2		2	3		6	4	6	1	2		33
March,	2	13	13	28	6	2	2	1	2	2	3		1	4	1	4			28
April,	1	8	16	25	4	2		1	1	1	2	3	1	3	3	5			25
Total,	58	72	112	242	52	18	8	6	7	15	18	11	17	24	26	14	6	20	242

RECAPITULATION.

Months.	Sex.			Total.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2	2 to 5	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Over 100.	Not stat- ed.	Total.	
	Not stat- ed.	Male.	Fem.																		
May, -	34	303	335	672	80	55	52	28	36	74	60	60	43	46	49	45	15		29	672	
June, -	53	311	266	630	84	35	61	27	42	82	54	41	29	40	51	42	4	1	37	630	
July, -	53	276	227	626	96	36	49	29	51	65	63	52	35	42	41	24	7		36	626	
August, -	61	379	403	843	189	97	82	44	50	83	55	43	49	34	44	21	9		43	843	
September, -	88	411	471	970	199	133	107	32	38	88	72	61	42	48	45	30	9		66	970	
October, -	72	487	435	994	124	72	88	34	86	125	90	72	49	72	56	46	11		69	994	
November, -	42	296	339	677	78	51	64	26	36	92	54	53	38	48	52	33	9	1	42	677	
December, -	32	345	359	736	78	46	81	34	39	84	68	49	45	51	66	47	17		31	736	
January, -	39	348	367	754	88	45	49	48	48	74	64	62	41	57	72	46	13	1	46	754	
February, -	35	339	378	752	104	37	54	33	37	92	59	47	58	61	65	54	20	1	30	752	
March, -	42	394	446	882	105	45	92	43	52	93	68	68	65	56	84	66	14		31	882	
April, -	47	394	435	876	115	81	56	39	59	94	52	66	62	64	81	65	12	1	29	876	
Unknown, -	59	28	45	132	19	4	16	3	4	6	4	2	5	4	9	6	3		47	132	
Total,	657	4311	4576	9544	1359	737	851	420	578	1052	763	676	561	623	715	525	143	5		536	9544

TABLE IV.

DISEASES NOSOLOGICALLY ARRANGED

BY COUNTIES.

TABLE IV. DISEASES.

DISEASES OF UNCERTAIN SEAT.	NORFOLK.	ESSEX.	BARNSTABLE.	PLYMOUTH.	WORCESTER.	HAMPDEN.	BRISTOL.	MIDDLESEX.	FRANKLIN.	NANTUCKET AND DUKES.	HAMPSHIRE.	BERKSHIRE.	SUFFOLK.	TOTAL.
Hæmorrhage, -	-	4	-	2	7	1	1	9	1	.	.	4	1	30
Dropsy, -	10	41	3	4	23	4	7	17	8	6	10	11	41	185
Abscess, -	-	.	.	.	3	.	.	8	.	.	1	.	4	16
Mortification, -	1	1	.	1	7	.	.	7	3	1	.	.	3	24
Purpura, -	-	2	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	5
Scrofula, -	-	6	4	.	4	1	2	1	2	.	1	2	13	36
Tumor, -	1	3	.	5	1	.	.	2	.	.	1	.	11	24
Debility, -	2	1	.	2	.	.	.	12	1	6	.	.	30	54
Malformation, -	-	1	.	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	8
Malpractice, -	-	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Sudden, -	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	.	.	.	.	10	15
Violence, -	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	2	.	3
Casualty, -	7	12	2	3	15	2	3	7	9	1	4	4	18	87
Carried forward,	21	71	9	19	63	8	13	70	24	14	18	24	131	488

TABLE IV.—CONTINUED. DISEASES.

DISEASES OF UNCERTAIN SEAT.—Continued.	NORFOLK.	ESSEX.	BARNSTABLE.	PLYMOUTH.	WORCESTER.	HAMPDEN.	BRISTOL.	MIDDLESEX.	FRANKLIN.	NANTUCKET AND Dukes.	HAMPSHIRE.	BERKSHIRE.	SUFFOLK.	TOTAL.
Brought forward,	21	71	9	19	66	8	13	70	24	14	19	24	131	489
Burns and Scalds,	-	3	2	-	8	-	3	9	-	2	1	3	7	38
Drowned,	-	5	95	10	3	5	4	11	2	2	3	1	15	167
Poison, -	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	5
Suicide,	-	4	-	3	8	1	3	10	4	-	-	1	9	46
Murder,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Old Age,	-	44	19	58	129	43	52	73	34	24	29	41	59	710
Intemperance,	-	5	1	2	20	3	5	21	7	1	-	2	32	109
Fungus Hematodes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	2
Infantile,	-	5	2	13	14	-	6	40	-	2	2	-	109	196
Polypus,	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
Unknown,	-	98	42	70	186	94	95	354	40	63	51	97	88	1430
Stillborn,	-	5	-	2	1	1	-	19	1	1	1	2	137	179
Carried over,	188	375	170	178	436	153	181	610	112	109	106	171	581	3372

TABLE IV.—CONTINUED. DISEASES.

DISEASES OF UNCERTAIN SEAT.—Continued.	NORFOLK.	ESSEX.	BARNSTABLE.	PLYMOUTH.	WORCESTER.	HAMPDEN.	BRISTOL.	MIDDLESEX.	FRANKLIN.	NANTUCKET AND Dukes.	HAMPSHIRE.	BERKSHIRE.	SUFFOLK.	TOTAL.
Brought forward,	188	375	170	178	436	155	131	610	112	109	106	171	531	3372
Spina bifida,	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	5
Marasmus,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26	26
Cancer,	2	18	1	3	13	3	6	18	5	5	4	7	11	96
Hemoptysis,	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6	8
Inflammation,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	2
Rheumatism,	1	5	.	.	4	.	.	3	.	.	2	1	4	20
Gout,	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	2
Rash,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1
Hip disease,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	2	4
Ulcer,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	2	3
Fistula,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1
Salt Rheum,	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Total,	192	396	171	182	456	158	188	639	118	114	112	179	634	3541

TABLE IV.—CONTINUED. DISEASES.

ENDEMIC, EPIDEMIC AND CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.	Norfolk.	Essex.	Barnsta- ble.	Plymouth.	Worce- ster.	Hampden.	Bristol.	Middle- sex.	Franklin.	Nantuck- et and Dukes.	Hampsh.	Berkshire.	Suffolk.	Total.
Small Pox, -	1	1	.	1	.	.	1	6	.	3	.	.	58	71
Scarlatina, -	28	94	4	8	41	8	4	105	29	1	18	55	98	483
Measles, -	4	9	6	4	23	7	3	10	4	5	6	5	87	173
Whooping Cough, -	8	1	1	1	12	2	1	10	.	2	2	3	39	82
Diarrhoea, -	1	2	4	6	2	.	.	8	1	1	2	.	23	50
Dysentery, -	31	28	4	9	45	.	16	37	30	1	4	8	55	268
Cholera Morbus, -	.	8	.	1	.	.	1	6	1	.	2	1	5	25
Cholera Infantum, -	14	2	4	11	18	.	2	46	.	.	.	1	28	126
Influenza, -	2	11	.	3	2	.	.	2	4	1	3	1	2	31
Fever, -	19	39	32	17	45	8	7	69	10	11	35	9	43	344
Fever, Typhus, -	11	15	5	6	55	5	10	37	12	1	14	31	46	250
Fever, Bilious, -	1	3	5	.	6	1	.	3	1	12	3	3	5	43
Erysipelas, -	1	7	.	2	6	.	1	7	2	3	.	2	8	39
Puerperal Fever, -	4	5	.	2	3	.	2	3	2	4	.	3	.	28
	125	225	65	71	258	31	48	349	96	45	89	122	489	2013

TABLE IV.—CONTINUED. DISEASES.

URINARY AND GENITAL Organs.	Norfolk	Essex	Barnstable.	Plymouth.	Worcester.	Hampton.	Bristol.	Middlesex.	Franklin.	Nantucket & Dukes.	Hampshire.	Berkshire.	Suffolk.	Total.
Inflammation of Kidneys,	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	1	7
Inflammation of Bladder,	1	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	4
Diabetes,	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	4
Stone, -	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Gravel, -	1	1	.	3	3	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	10
Strangury,	1	.	1	.	2	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	6
Childbed,	1	6	2	.	13	3	4	3	1	2	3	7	28	65
Chlorosis,	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Hydrocele,	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Total, -	10	7	4	5	20	4	4	6	2	2	4	8	23	99

TABLE IV.—CONTINUED. DISEASES.

Diseases of the Digestive Organs.	Norfolk.	Essex.	Barnstable.	Plymouth.	Worcester.	Hampden.	Bristol.	Middlesex.	Franklin.	Nantucket and Dukes.	Hampshire.	Suffolk.	Total.
Bowel Complaint,	•	1	•	•	19	•	2	5	2	•	2	•	32
Inflammation of Bowels,	6	13	1	5	13	6	7	9	6	2	7	86	168
“ of Stomach,	1	1	•	•	1	•	•	4	•	•	•	3	10
“ of Peritoneum,	3	1	•	•	3	•	•	4	•	•	1	•	12
“ of Spleen,	•	•	•	•	1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	1
“ of Liver,	4	10	•	3	1	2	1	4	•	•	•	•	27
Colic, -	2	1	•	•	10	•	•	2	•	1	•	1	19
Stoppage,	3	1	•	4	1	•	2	2	•	1	•	•	14
Hernia,	•	2	•	•	3	1	1	2	•	•	•	•	9
Canker,	1	5	2	•	•	•	2	1	1	•	•	16	30
Cramp in Stomach,	•	2	•	•	•	•	•	2	•	•	•	•	4
Worms,	•	•	•	1	1	•	•	•	1	•	•	5	8
Teething,	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	32	32
Liver complaint,	•	2	1	2	5	1	1	3	2	•	3	11	31
Carried over,	20	39	4	15	58	10	16	38	12	4	13	156	397

TABLE IV.—CONTINUED. DISEASES.

DISEASES OF THE DIGESTIVE ORGANS.—Continued.	Norfolk	Essex.	Barnstable.	Plymouth.	Worcester.	Hampton.	Bristol.	Middlesex.	Franklin.	Nantucket and Dukes.	Hampshire.	Berkshire.	Suffolk.	TOTAL.
Brought forward,	20	39	4	15	58	10	16	38	12	4	13	12	156	397
Gall Stone, -	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Jaundice, -	.	7	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	1	.	2	1	13
Throat, Disease of -	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	3
Dyspepsy, -	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	2	5
Total, -	22	46	4	15	59	10	16	42	12	5	13	14	161	419
DISEASES OF ORGANS OF CIRCULATION.														
Heart, Diseases of -	5	22	5	5	19	1	3	29	6	8	5	4	31	143
Angina Pectoris, -	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Aneurism, -	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1
Dropsy of Heart, -	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	4	5
Inflammation of Veins, -	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Anæmia, -	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Total, -	5	24	5	5	21	1	3	31	6	8	5	4	35	153

TABLE IV.—CONTINUED. DISEASES.

DISEASES OF THE BRAIN AND NERVES.	Norfolk.	Essex.	Barnstable.	Plymouth.	Worcester.	Hampden.	Bristol.	Middlesex.	Franklin.	Nantucket and Dukes.	Hampshire.	Berkshire.	Suffolk.	Total.
Brain, Diseases of	5	11	3	3	24	1	6	14	5	.	.	2	28	102
Dropsy in head,	11	23	4	5	25	1	7	19	6	5	1	5	53	165
Apoplexy,	5	8	6	8	16	2	6	16	8	1	6	2	11	95
Epilepsy,	.	1	.	.	3	1	.	3	1	.	1	.	.	10
Palsy, -	4	31	7	6	18	9	1	12	8	3	8	5	13	125
Lethargy,	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	3
Insanity,	1	5	.	.	7	.	3	4	2	.	1	.	2	25
Chorea,	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Tetanus,	.	1	.	.	2	.	.	3	1	.	.	.	.	7
Fits, -	5	18	7	9	19	4	9	23	6	1	11	3	65	186
Neuralgia,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1
Spinal Disease,	.	2	1	.	4	2	1	4	1	1	2	1	5	24
Total, -	31	102	28	31	119	21	33	105	38	11	30	18	178	745

TABLE IV.—CONTINUED. DISEASES.

DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM.	Norfolk.	Essex.	Barnstable.	Plymouth.	Worcester.	Hampden.	Bristol.	Middlesex.	Franklin.	Nantucket and Dukes.	Hampshire.	Berkshire.	Suffolk.	TOTAL.
Asthma, -	.	3	.	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	6
Inflammation of Larynx, -	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	4
“ of Lungs, -	21	63	20	24	60	14	21	49	14	7	20	18	108	439
Bronchitis, -	5	2	.	.	2	1	1	7	.	.	.	2	16	36
Catarrh, -	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	2
Croup, -	5	31	6	9	27	4	4	30	.	1	5	7	65	194
Pleurisy, -	1	4	2	1	5	2	6	6	2	.	5	2	9	45
Dropsy of chest, -	.	1	1	2	10	.	2	4	3	.	3	2	5	33
Asphyxia, -	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Consumption, -	91	314	65	108	247	49	101	280	62	49	91	73	276	1806
Quincy, -	1	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	3	6
Total, -	125	418	94	144	354	70	139	377	81	57	124	105	486	2574

RECAPITULATION.

Diseases.	Norfolk.	Essex.	Barnstable.	Plymouth.	Worcester.	Hampden.	Bristol.	Middlesex.	Franklin.	Nantucket and Dukes.	Hampshire.	Berkshire.	Suffolk.	Total.
Of Uncertain Seat, -	192	398	171	182	456	158	188	639	118	114	112	179	634	3541
Epidemic, Endemic and Contagious, -	125	225	65	71	258	31	48	349	96	45	89	122	489	2013
Of Urinary and Genital Organs, -	10	7	4	5	20	4	4	6	2	2	4	8	23	99
Of Digestive Organs, -	22	46	4	15	59	10	16	42	12	5	13	14	161	419
Of Organs of Circulation, -	5	24	5	5	21	1	3	31	6	8	5	4	35	153
Of Nervous System, -	31	102	28	31	119	21	33	105	38	11	30	18	178	745
Of Respiratory Organs, -	125	418	94	144	354	70	139	377	81	57	124	105	486	2574
Totals, -	510	1220	371	453	1287	295	431	1549	353	242	377	450	2006	9544

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Showing under what names some of the causes of Death, noted in the Returns, have been arranged.

ENDEMIC, &c. DISEASES. *Scarlatina*, Scarlet Fever, Throat Distemper, Canker Rash. *Fever*; Congestive Fever, Inflammatory Fever. *Bilious Fever*; Black Vomit.

NERVOUS SYSTEM. *Brain*; Disease of Brain, Complaint of Brain. *Inflam. of Brain*; Brain Fever, Arachnitis. *Dropsy in Head*; Hydrocephalus, Dropsy on and in Brain, Water on Brain. *Palsy*; Paralysis. *Chorea*; St. Vitus' Dance. *Tetanus*; Lockjaw.

RESPIRATORY ORGANS. *Inflam. of Larynx*; Laryngitis. *Inflam. of Lungs*; Pneumonia, Pneumonitis, Lung Fever, Abscess of Lungs. *Croup*; Cynanche trachealis. *Pleurisy*; Pleuritis, Inflam. of Pleura. *Dropsy of Chest*; Hydrothorax, Water in Chest. *Asphyxia*; Suffocation. *Consumption*; Phthisis pulmonalis.

DIGESTIVE ORGANS. *Inflam. of Bowels*; Enteritis. *Inflam. of Stomach*; Gastritis. *Inflam. of Peritoneum*; Peritonitis. *Inflam. of Liver*; Hepatitis, Black Jaundice. *Stoppage*; Stricture of Rectum, Ossification of Œsophagus.

ORGANS OF CIRCULATION. *Inflam. of Veins*; Phlebitis.

DISEASES OF UNCERTAIN SEAT. *Hemorrhage*; Hæmoptysis, Hæmatemesis, Hæmaturia, Mæna, Bleeding at nose. *Dropsy*; Ascites, Dropsy of Ovary. *Mortification*; Gangrene. *Scrofula*; Scurvy, Disease of Mesenteric Glands. *Tumor*; Disease of Prostate Gland, Disease of Ovary. *Debility*; Weakness. *Casualty*; includes Accidents generally. *Old age*; Decay. *Intemperance*; Delirium tremens. *Suicide*; felo de se.

URINARY AND GENITAL ORGANS. *Inflam. of Kidneys*; Nephritis.

TABLE V.

NOSOLOGICAL TABLE OF DISEASES,

Showing in what months, and at what ages, they proved fatal.

TABLE V.—CONTINUED. DISEASES.

DISEASES OF THE DIGESTIVE ORGANS.	DISEASES.														Not stated.	Totals.												
	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2.			2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Over 100.	Not stated.
Bowel Complaint, -	.	1	1	3	5	7	7	3	4	1	15	8	3	1	1	.	1	1	.	.	1	1	1	.	.	.	1	32
Colic, -	1	2	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	4	2	.	.	.	2	2	2	4	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	3	19
Canker, -	18	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	7	3	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18	30
Cramp in Stomach, -	.	1	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Inflammation of Bowels, -	87	6	7	4	9	10	6	2	3	6	15	7	6	5	7	8	2	13	15	7	7	5	6	5	1	.	87	168
“ of Stomach, -	3	.	1	2	2	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	3	1	.	.	.	3	10
“ of Liver, -	.	1	1	2	1	2	1	3	2	2	4	1	7	1	.	.	.	4	1	5	4	3	7	1	.	1	27	
“ of Peritoneum, -	.	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	12	
“ of Spleen, -	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Hernia, -	.	2	1	.	.	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	.	.	1	.	.	2	.	2	3	.	.	.	9	
Carried forward, -	109	14	13	15	22	28	18	10	10	11	26	15	21	30	19	14	5	19	27	13	16	15	14	20	7	.	113	312

TABLE V.—CONTINUED. DISEASES.

DISEASES OF THE DIGESTIVE ORGANS. <i>Continued.</i>	Month.												Not stated.	Totals.
	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.		
Brought forward,	109	14	13	15	22	28	18	10	11	26	15	21	113	312
Gall Stone, -	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Stoppage, -	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	3	1	3	1	3	2	14
Jaundice, -	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	3	1	1	13
Liver Complaint, -	11	2	1	4	2	2	2	1	1	2	3	1	11	31
Dyspepsia, -	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	5
Worms, -	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	8
Teething, -	32	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	32
Throat, Disease of -	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3
Total, -	162	18	16	21	25	33	21	16	14	29	25	23	168	419

TABLE V.—CONTINUED. DISEASES.

DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY OR- GANS.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Septem.	October.	Novem.	Decem.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Under 1.	1 to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Not stated.	Totals.	
Asthma, -	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	-	-	6		
Croup, -	-	66	4	9	3	7	10	15	14	14	15	12	10	20	20	57	23	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	67	194		
Quinsy, -	-	4	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	6		
Bronchitis, -	-	16	1	1	2	-	1	2	3	2	2	4	4	1	4	3	2	1	-	-	-	2	1	1	17	36		
Catarrh, -	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2		
Inflam. of Larynx,	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4		
" of Lungs,	-	111	22	17	8	11	12	15	26	22	33	66	64	51	35	34	6	10	9	14	21	30	42	43	29	1	114	439
Pleurisy, -	-	9	3	1	3	-	3	4	-	9	8	5	-	1	-	-	-	2	10	4	4	7	3	5	-	9	45	
Dropsy of Chest, -	-	5	3	1	4	1	1	5	1	3	3	5	1	-	-	-	1	4	-	1	5	4	8	4	-	6	33	
Asphyxia, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3		
Consumption, -	-	288	125	130	124	114	120	131	94	128	117	137	153	35	14	20	15	132	349	255	190	149	144	121	35	1	346	1806
Total, -	-	503	155	161	137	142	145	166	142	175	173	196	248	113	71	118	47	151	365	280	217	189	201	180	74	2	566	2574

TABLE V.—CONTINUED. DISEASES.

DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM.	Not sta- ted.	Under 1.												Total.
		May.	June.	July.	August.	Septem.	October.	Novem.	Decem.	January.	February.	March.	April.	
Brain, Diseases of	8	.	.	2	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	1	.	8
" Inflammation of	20	5	9	4	4	5	3	4	6	7	7	6	9	20
Apoplexy,	14	4	7	7	5	9	4	5	14	8	5	8	5	95
Palsy,	14	9	12	10	7	7	9	4	11	10	9	10	13	125
Dropsy of Head,	56	10	7	6	12	19	7	7	4	7	8	13	9	165
Epilepsy,	.	1	1	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	3	3	.	10
Lethargy,	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	3
Insanity,	2	2	.	1	1	2	3	2	3	2	2	3	.	25
Fits,	68	9	8	7	11	13	5	7	12	10	14	6	16	186
Chorea,	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Lockjaw,	.	1	.	.	1	.	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	7
Neuralgia,	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Spinal Disease,	5	2	1	.	1	1	3	3	2	.	3	.	2	24
Total,	188	43	45	37	45	59	36	34	55	48	48	52	53	745

TABLE V.—CONTINUED. DISEASES.

DISEASES OF THE ORGANS OF CIRCULATION.	Under 1 year.													Total.														
	Not stated.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Septem.	October.	Novem.	Decem.	January.	February.	March.	April.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Not stated.	Total.			
Anæmia, - - -	1														1										1			
Angina pectoris, - - -					1							1								1					2			
Aneurism, - - -												1								1					1			
Heart, Diseases of - - -	33	9	5	9	5	14	12	8	4	12	11	12	9	4	1	4	9	6	8	12	10	19	20	4	1	36	143	
" Dropsy of - - -	4																								4	4		
Inflammation of Veins, - - -					1													1								1		
Total, - - -	37	9	6	9	9	6	15	12	8	4	12	11	14	9	4	1	4	9	7	9	12	10	21	21	4	1	40	152

TABLE V.—CONTINUED. DISEASES.

DISEASES OF THE URINARY AND GENITAL ORGANS.	DISEASES.												Totals.														
	Not stated.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Not stated.
Inflammation of Kidneys,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	2	2	1	.	.	1
“ of Bladder,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	.	1
Diabetes,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	2	
Stones, -	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	.	.	1	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Gravel,	.	.	.	.	.	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	.	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	.	.	2	10
Strangury,	.	.	.	.	.	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	3	.	.	.	6
Hydrocele,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Childbed,	20	5	2	3	6	5	1	2	3	5	4	9	.	.	.	.	3	21	16	5	.	.	.	.	.	20	65
Chlorosis,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	1
Total,	23	5	3	3	8	10	5	5	8	8	4	7	10	2	.	.	1	32	21	18	7	2	6	11	1	.	99

TABLE V.—CONTINUED. DISEASES.

ENDEMIC, EPIDEMIC AND CONTAGIOUS DIS- EASES.	Not stated.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Septem.	October.	Novem.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Over 100.	Not stated.	Total.	
Small Pox, -	58	2	1	1	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	61	71	
Scarlatina, -	90	13	24	19	32	32	27	29	36	42	38	54	47	31	49	150	99	32	11	1	4	2	2	1	1	1	100	483	
Measles, -	87	6	5	4	2	3	2	2	5	10	8	24	15	18	14	21	13	4	7	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	88	173	
Whooping Cough, -	39	2	2	8	2	7	8	4	1	1	1	4	4	15	11	13	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	82	
Diarrhoea, -	23	1	2	7	9	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	7	8	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	24	50	
Dysentery, -	56	2	4	11	54	80	49	3	6	1	2	1	24	49	59	16	3	9	5	11	5	6	9	5	1	1	67	268	
Cholera Morbus, -	5	2	3	5	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	3	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	6	25	
Cholera Infantum, -	30	3	5	35	33	13	3	1	1	1	1	2	52	27	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	36	126	
Influenza, -	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	7	11	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	31	
Fever, -	46	19	17	24	19	29	25	25	19	28	30	29	34	10	12	21	9	34	55	33	26	30	19	23	6	2	64	344	
" Bilious, -	6	3	2	2	2	3	5	9	1	2	2	3	3	9	2	1	3	3	3	4	5	2	4	2	1	1	5	43	
" Typhus, -	52	3	5	11	17	26	41	34	15	19	10	10	7	2	3	5	44	63	22	18	16	16	6	1	1	1	55	250	
Erysipelas, -	8	2	1	1	1	3	1	2	1	4	6	4	7	5	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	5	5	3	1	1	8	39	
Puerperal Fever, -	1	5	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	4	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	14	9	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	28	
Total, -	502	57	65	92	180	232	186	117	88	116	110	146	122	167	184	287	149	124	172	81	72	67	53	62	29	7	1	558	2013

DISEASES.

DISEASES OF UNCERTAIN SEAT.		Not sta- ted.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Septem.	October.	Novem.	Decem.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Over 100.	Not sta- ted.	Total.
Inflammation, -	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	
Abscess, -	-	4	2	-	3	1	1	2	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	3	1	-	-	1	3	1	1	1	-	-	-	5	16	
Dropsy, -	-	42	11	13	11	9	13	10	15	8	17	11	11	14	3	5	8	4	8	5	8	18	26	27	6	-	-	49	185	
Debility, -	-	30	1	3	-	2	6	1	2	-	1	3	3	2	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	2	-	30	64	
Marasmus, -	-	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	26		
Cancer, -	-	16	8	2	9	6	3	12	7	8	6	3	8	8	-	-	1	-	2	4	3	8	19	24	11	8	-	16	96	
Fungus Hematodes, -	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	2	
Hemorrhage, -	-	1	-	2	5	-	4	-	1	3	3	1	7	3	5	-	-	2	1	4	5	6	1	1	2	1	-	2	30	
Hæmoptysis, -	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	8	
Mortification, -	-	3	1	4	1	-	1	3	-	2	1	4	3	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	4	-	-	5	2	5	-	5	24	
Purpura, -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	
Rash, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	
Salt Rheum, -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	
Ulcer, -	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	3	
Gout, -	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	
Rheumatism, -	-	5	1	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	2	1	4	3	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	3	2	1	4	-	-	6	20	
Scrofula, -	-	13	4	1	2	1	-	1	3	2	1	6	1	1	3	1	1	1	4	2	2	3	2	4	1	-	-	13	36	
Hip Disease, -	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	4	
Fistula, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Tumor, -	-	11	-	2	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	4	2	8	-	-	-	1	2	-	4	2	1	2	1	-	11	24	
Malformation, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	

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• The Return from Boston and Chelsea was not according to the formula ; so that the dates of the deaths cannot be coupled with the diseases, and they are all (2006) necessarily arranged under the head " date not stated."

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TABLE V.—CONTINUED. DISEASES.

DISEASES OF THE ORGANS OF CIRCULATION.	Not stated.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Septem.	October.	Novem.	Decem.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Not stated.	Total.
Anemia, - - - - -	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Angina pectoris, - - -	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	2
Aneurism, - - - - -	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1
Heart, Diseases of - - -	33	9	5	9	9	5	14	12	8	4	12	11	12	9	4	1	4	9	6	8	12	10	19	20	4	1	36	148
" Dropsy of - - - - -	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	4
Inflammation of Veins, -	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Total, - - - - -	37	9	6	9	9	6	15	12	8	4	12	11	14	9	4	1	4	9	7	9	12	10	21	21	4	1	40	152

TABLE V.—CONTINUED. DISEASES.

DISEASES OF THE URINARY AND GENITAL Organs.	Not stated.														Under 1 year.	1 to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Not stated.	Totals.
	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.																	
Inflammation of Kidneys,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	7			
“ of Bladder,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	4			
Diabetes,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	4	4	1			
Stone, -	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Gravel,	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	1	2	10	10	6			
Strangury,	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	1	1	6	6	1	1			
Hydrocele,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Childbed,	20	5	2	3	6	5	1	2	3	5	4	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Chlorosis,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Total,	23	5	3	3	8	10	5	5	8	8	4	7	10	2	1	1	3	22	18	7	2	6	11	1	1	26	99		

TABLE V.—CONTINUED. DISEASES.

EPIDEMIC, EPIDEMIC AND CONTAGIOUS DIS- EASES.	Not stated.																									Total.			
	May.	June.	July.	August.	Septem.	October.	Novem.	Decem.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.		Over 100.		
Small Pox, -	58	2	1	1	3	1	.	2	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	1	2	.	2	2	1	1	1	.	.	.	61	71
Scarlatina, -	90	13	24	19	32	32	27	29	36	42	38	54	47	31	49	150	99	32	11	1	4	2	2	1	1	.	100	483	
Measles, -	87	6	5	4	2	3	2	2	5	10	8	24	15	18	14	21	13	4	7	3	2	1	1	1	.	.	88	173	
Whooping Cough, -	39	2	2	8	2	7	8	4	1	1	.	4	4	15	11	13	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	41	82
Diarrhoea, -	23	.	2	7	9	5	5	2	1	1	.	.	.	7	8	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	.	.	24	50		
Dysentery, -	56	2	4	11	54	80	49	3	6	.	1	2	.	24	49	59	16	3	9	5	11	5	6	9	5	.	67	268	
Cholera Morbus, -	5	2	3	5	4	3	.	1	.	1	1	.	1	2	1	2	1	2	3	1	2	2	2	1	1	.	6	25	
Cholera Infantum, -	30	3	5	35	33	13	3	1	.	1	1	.	2	52	27	10	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	36	126
Influenza, -	2	.	.	.	1	3	2	.	4	7	11	1	3	1	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	8	11	2	1	2	31	
Fever, -	46	19	17	24	19	29	25	25	19	28	30	29	34	10	12	21	9	34	55	33	26	30	19	23	6	2	64	344	
" Bilious, -	6	3	2	2	2	3	5	9	1	2	2	3	3	.	9	2	1	3	3	3	4	5	2	4	2	.	5	43	
" Typhus, -	52	3	5	11	17	26	41	34	15	19	10	10	7	.	2	3	5	44	63	22	18	16	16	6	.	.	55	250	
Erysipelas, -	8	2	1	1	3	.	2	1	4	6	4	7	5	1	1	.	1	3	1	5	5	5	3	1	1	.	8	39	
Puerperal Fever, -	.	5	1	1	1	1	5	.	.	4	5	5	1	.	.	.	.	14	9	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	28
Total, -	502	57	65	92	180	232	186	117	88	116	110	146	122	167	184	287	149	124	172	81	72	67	53	62	29	7	1	558	2013

DISEASES.

DISEASES OF UNCERTAIN SEAT.	Not sta- ted.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Septem.	October.	Novem.	Decem.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Over 100.	Not sta- ted.	Total.
Inflammation, -	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Abscess, -	4	2	-	3	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	3	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	5	16
Dropsy, -	42	11	13	11	9	13	10	15	8	17	11	11	14	3	5	8	4	8	5	8	18	18	26	27	6	-	-	49	185
Debility, -	30	1	3	-	2	6	1	2	-	1	3	3	2	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	2	-	-	30	64
Marasmus, -	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	26
Cancer, -	16	8	2	9	6	3	12	7	8	6	3	8	8	-	-	1	-	2	4	3	8	19	24	11	8	-	-	16	96
Fungus Hematodes,	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
Hemorrhage, -	1	2	5	-	-	4	-	1	3	3	1	7	3	5	-	-	2	1	4	5	6	1	1	2	1	-	-	2	30
Hemoptysis, -	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	8
Mortification, -	3	1	4	1	1	1	3	-	2	1	4	3	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	4	-	5	2	5	-	-	-	5	24
Purpura, -	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Rash, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Salt Rheum, -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Ulcer, -	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	3
Gout, -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Rheumatism, -	5	1	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	2	1	4	3	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	3	2	1	4	-	-	-	6	20
Scrofula, -	13	4	1	2	1	1	1	3	2	1	6	1	1	3	1	1	1	4	2	2	3	2	4	1	-	-	-	13	36
Hip Disease, -	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	4
Fistula, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tumor, -	11	2	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	4	2	2	-	-	-	1	2	-	4	2	1	2	1	-	-	11	24
Malformation, -	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	1	-	2	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8

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• **The Return from Boston and Chelsea was not according to the formula ; so that the dates of the deaths cannot be coupled with the diseases, and they are all (2006) necessarily arranged under the head “ date not stated.”**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1ST, 1843.

BY JOHN A. BOLLES,

SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

December, 1843.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Dec., 1843.

*To the President of the Senate
and Speaker of the House of Representatives :*

I have the honor to transmit the following Report and Tables, prepared in conformity to the Act of 1842, "relating to the Registry and Returns of Births, Marriages and Deaths."

REPORT.

The duty of the Secretary, under the Registration Act of 1842, is twofold, and relates 1st, to the Town Clerks; and 2d, to the Legislature.

I. AS RELATING TO THE TOWN CLERKS.

The Secretary is directed to prepare and furnish to the town clerks blank forms of returns, in accordance with the details of the act; to accompany those forms with the needful explanations and instructions; and generally to do whatever may be required to carry into effect all the objects and provisions of the several laws which relate to this matter.

In discharging this portion of my duty, I prepared and forwarded to the clerk of every town and city a blank form of return in April last, accompanied with the following Circular Letter of instructions, and the forms therewith connected :

(Circular.)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

 SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Boston, April 10th, 1843.
To the Town Clerk:

SIR,—In conformity with the Act of March 3, 1842, (which is hereto annexed,) I transmit herewith a blank form of Return of the Births, Marriages and Deaths, which shall have occurred in your town for one year, ending May 1, 1843. The manner in which this blank is to be filled up and signed, needs no explanation. The Return must, by law, be made *during the month of May*, or the Clerk incurs the penalty of \$10 for neglect. Last year 35 towns neglected to make Returns. It is to be hoped that the present year may find every Clerk prompt in the discharge of his duty.

Besides filling the enclosed blank, the law requires every Town Clerk to send to the Secretary, at the time above named, *a certified copy of his record* of Births, Marriages and Deaths for the year.

You will, therefore, please forward an exact and certified copy of your record. Nothing short of this can be taken to be a proper compliance with the requisitions of the Statute;—and from nothing else can any safe conclusions be drawn in regard to needful reforms in our system of registration.

In keeping your records for another year, you will find it expedient and convenient to record the Births, Marriages and Deaths in separate volumes—ruled for the purpose. I enclose a specimen of the manner in which each volume might be ruled and kept so as to furnish the information desired by the law, and, at the same time, enable you, each year, to prepare a clear and intelligible copy of the record.

The Town Clerks will find, on looking into the Revised Statutes, (Chapters 15th and 75th,) that the citizens are bound to

make returns to them of all Births, Marriages and Deaths. An increased attention to these legal requirements will be the natural result of a proper effort on the part of town officers to enforce the law. There is not a town, probably, in the Commonwealth, which has not, at the present time, a just claim of hundreds of dollars, upon delinquent parents, &c. A few exactions of the penalty would give universal efficacy to the statute, and result in great and general benefit.

Regarding this matter as one of great importance, I trust that you may coincide in my opinion, and do all in your power to perfect your record and return.

I am, very truly, yours,

JOHN A. BOLLES,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

An Act relating to the Registry and Returns of Births, Marriages and Deaths.

SECT. 1. The Clerks of the several towns and cities in the Commonwealth shall, annually, in the month of May, transmit to the Secretary of the Commonwealth a certified copy of their record of the Births, Marriages and Deaths of all persons within their respective towns and cities, which may come to their knowledge; shall state the number of Births and Marriages, and the number of Deaths, with the name, sex, age, (and if an adult male, the occupation,) and the names of the diseases of which all persons have died, or are supposed to have died, together with the cause or causes of the death of all such deceased persons, so far as they may be able to obtain a knowledge of the same from physicians or others; and any Clerk who shall neglect to make such Return, shall be liable to a penalty of ten dollars, to be recovered for the use of any town or city where such neglect shall be proved to have existed.

SECT. 2. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall prepare and furnish, to the Clerks of the several towns and cities in this Commonwealth, blank forms of returns, as herein before

specified, and shall accompany the same with such instructions and explanations as may be necessary and useful ; and he shall receive said returns, and prepare therefrom such tabular results as will render them of practical utility, and shall make report thereof annually to the Legislature, and generally shall do whatever may be required to carry into effect the objects of this Act, and of the several provisions of the Revised Statutes not inconsistent with this Act.

FORM OF RECORD OF MARRIAGES.

No.	Date of Marriage.	Names of both Groom and Bride.	Ages of each.	Color of each.	The Town to which each belonged at date of Marriage.
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2					
3					
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6					

FORM OF RECORD OF BIRTHS.

No.	Christian and Surnames of Child.	The Names of the Parents.	Sex of the child.		Date of Birth.
			Male	Female	
1					
2					
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4					
5					
6					

FORM OF RECORD OF DEATHS.

No.	Date of Death.	Name of Deceased.	Age.			Sex.		Occupation.	Cause of Death.
			Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.	Male	Female		
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In reply to this circular, and the form of return which went with it, I received returns from 238 towns during the month of May, and from 57 towns at a later date; so that in all 295 complied with the provisions of the Act, to a greater or less extent. From *thirteen* towns, with a population of 26,105, no returns had come in when the tables were prepared. This is a decided gain upon the preceding year, when *thirty-five* towns, with a population of 76,654, were delinquent.

In compliance with my directions many town clerks sent exact copies of their records. But there is no uniform method of keeping these records, and some are so kept that copies cannot be furnished.

I felt great doubt as to my authority to direct or prescribe a uniform method of registration; but as the circular will show, I suggested a form which might be conveniently adopted, and urged it upon the attention of town clerks.

These municipal officers, as a body, seem deeply interested in the subject matter and object of the laws relating to births, marriages and deaths. But they uniformly complain of the defects in those laws, and the general disregard of their provisions. And their complaints are well founded. For my own views upon this subject, I would respectfully refer the Legislature to my first Report, made in Feb. 1843. For the views of the town clerks, an examination may be made of their letters contained in the tabular portion of this report, (pp. 12-31.) I would also refer to the elaborate and very valuable communication of Lemuel Shattuck, Esq., which follows the tables, and exhibits the results of that gentleman's researches upon the entire subject of Vital Statistics.

II. AS RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE.

The law requires the Secretary to *receive* the returns made by the town clerks, and prepare therefrom such tabular results as will render them of practical utility, and make report thereof to the Legislature, and generally to do whatever may be required to accomplish the design of the laws.

In obedience to this portion of the act, after consultation with

various scientific gentlemen, I have prepared, or caused to be prepared, either in this office or under the direction of a member of the medical faculty, the tables which are hereto annexed, and which are, perhaps, as good a result as could reasonably be expected from such imperfect returns as have been received.

The *first Table* (p. 1,) exhibits in separate lists the various towns which have made returns, in season or out of season, or which have wholly failed to comply with the law. It will be perceived that all the towns in the several counties of Suffolk, Essex, Norfolk, Dukes and Nantucket have made returns, while all the other counties are more or less delinquent.

The *second Table* (p. 5,) contains, *first*, a general statement of the whole number of marriages, births and deaths contained in the returns, county by county, giving the entire population of each county from the U. S. Census of 1840, and the number of people in each county employed in the different leading occupations and pursuits, and the population of towns that have made no return; and *second*, (p. 6-11,) a detailed statement of the population of each town in Massachusetts, with the whole number of births, marriages and deaths recorded in each during the year ending May 1, 1843.

The *second* portion of this table contains abundant foot-notes, which will reward a careful examination.

The *third* part of table 2d contains the aggregate of births, marriages and deaths for the two years of 1841-2 and 1842-3, and exhibits the comparative numbers of each class of facts for those two years. Then follow several letters from town clerks, containing practical hints, or facts, worthy of notice.

The *third Table* (p. 32,) is a synopsis of those whose occupations are given by the town clerks in their returns of deaths, showing their ages, and the approximate average longevity of each occupation.

Table four (p. 35,) exhibits by counties the number of deaths, male or female, returned for each month in the year, and the age at which every such death occurred, with a recapitulation (p. 48,) showing the whole number of deaths returned as having occurred in each month for the whole State.

Table five, prepared by A. A. Gould, M. D., contains a classification of the causes of death stated in the returns, arranged by counties.

Table six, prepared by the same able and careful hand, is another nosological classification, and shows in what seasons of the year, and at what periods of life, each particular disease proved fatal.

Next after the tables follows the communication of Mr. Shattuck, to which reference has been already made.

In conclusion, I would again beg leave to express the conviction that until some changes shall be made in the existing laws, no Secretary can reasonably expect to obtain returns which will be of much practical utility.

Hoping that this most interesting and important subject will be made the subject of special consideration by the Legislature,

I am, with the highest respect,

Your most obedient servant,

JOHN A. BOLLES, *Secretary*.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

TABLE I.

- Exhibiting*—1. *A List of Towns which made Returns within the prescribed period :*
 2. *A List of Towns from which Returns were received after the prescribed period :*
 3. *The Names of Towns which failed to make Returns before this Report was prepared :*
 4. *Recapitulation.*

1.—*List of Towns which made Returns within the time prescribed by law.*

SUFFOLK.	MIDDLESEX.	MIDDLESEX—Contin'd.
Boston, 2—Chelsea.	Acton, Ashby, Bedford, Billerica, Boxborough, Brighton, Burlington, Cambridge, Charlestown, Chelmsford, Concord, Dracut, Dunstable, Framingham, Holliston, Lincoln, Littleton, Lowell, Malden, Marlborough, Medford, Natick, Newton, Pepperell, Reading, Sherburne, Shirley, South Reading,	Stow, Tewksbury, Townsend, Waltham, Wayland, Westford, Weston, Wilmington, Woburn, 38—Somerville. WORCESTER. Ashburnham, Athol, Auburn, Barre, Berlin, Boylston, Charlton, Dana, Douglas, Dudley, Fitchburg, Gardner, Grafton, Hardwick, Holden, Hubbardston,

24—West Newbury.

WORCESTER—Cont'd.

Leicester,
 Leominster,
 Lunenburg,
 Mendon,
 Milford,
 New Braintree,
 North Brookfield,
 Oakham,
 Oxford,
 Paxton,
 Petersham,
 Princeton,
 Royalston,
 Rutland,
 Shrewsbury,
 Southbridge,
 Spencer,
 Sterling,
 Sutton,
 Templeton,
 Upton,
 Warren,
 Webster,
 Westborough,
 West Boylston,
 Westminster,
 Winchendon,
 44—Worcester.

HAMPSHIRE.

Amherst,
 Belchertown,
 Cummington,
 Easthampton,
 Enfield,
 Goshen,
 Granby,
 Greenwich,
 Middlefield,
 Norwich,
 Pelham,
 Plainfield,
 South Hadley,
 Southampton,
 Ware,
 Westhampton,
 17—Williamsburg.

HAMPDEN.

Blandford,
 Brimfield,
 Chester,
 Granville,
 Holland,

HAMPDEN—Continued.

Longmeadow,
 Ludlow,
 Monson,
 Montgomery,
 Springfield,
 Tolland,
 Wales,
 West Springfield,
 14—Wilbraham.

FRANKLIN.

Bernardston,
 Charlemont,
 Colrairie,
 Erving,
 Gill,
 Hawley,
 Heath,
 Leyden,
 Monroe,
 Montague,
 New Salem,
 Northfield,
 Orange,
 Rowe,
 Shelburne,
 Shutesbury,
 Sunderland,
 Wendell,
 19—Whately.

BERKSHIRE.

Alford,
 Dalton,
 Florida,
 Great Barrington,
 Hancock,
 Hinsdale,
 Lee,
 Lenox,
 New Marlborough,
 Otis,
 Peru,
 Pittsfield,
 Richmond,
 Savoy,
 Sheffield,
 Stockbridge,
 Tyringham,
 Washington,
 West Stockbridge,
 20—Williamstown.

NORFOLK.

Bellingham,
 Braintree,
 Brookline,
 Cohasset,
 Dedham,
 Dorchester,
 Dover,
 Foxborough,
 Medfield,
 Medway,
 Milton,
 Needham,
 Quincy,
 Randolph,
 Roxbury,
 Stoughton,
 17—Weymouth.

BRISTOL.

Attleborough,
 Berkley,
 Dartmouth,
 Dighton,
 Fairhaven,
 Fall River,
 Norton,
 Pawtucket,
 Raynham,
 Rehoboth,
 Seekonk,
 Somerset,
 Swansey,
 14—Taunton.

PLYMOUTH.

Bridgewater,
 Carver,
 Duxbury,
 East Bridgewater,
 Halifax,
 Hanover,
 Hull,
 Kingston,
 Marshfield,
 North Bridgewater,
 Pembroke,
 Plymouth,
 Plympton,
 Scituate,
 Wareham,
 16—West Bridgewater.

BARNSTABLE.

Barnstable,

BARNSTABLE—Con'd. Brewster, Chatham, Eastham, Orleans, Provincetown, Sandwich,	BARNSTABLE—Con'd. Wellfleet, 9-Yarmouth. DUKE'S. Chilmark, Edgartown,	DUKE'S—Continued. 3-Tisbury. NANTUCKET. 1-Nantucket. 238
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2.—*List of Towns which have made Returns since May 31, 1843.*

ESSEX. Andover, Bradford, <i>Essex,</i> 4-Saugus.	HAMPSHIRE. Chesterfield, Hatfield, Northampton, Prescott, 5-Worthington.	BERKSHIRE—Con'd. Sandisfield, <i>letter.</i> 7-Mount Washington.
MIDDLESEX. Carlisle, Groton, Lexington, Stoneham, Sudbury, Tyngsborough, 7-West Cambridge.	HAMPDEN. Russell, Southwick, 3-Westfield.	NORFOLK. Canton, Franklin, Sharon, Walpole, 5-Wrentham.
WORCESTER. Bolton, Harvard, Lancaster, Millbury, Northborough, Northbridge, Phillipston, Southborough, Sturbridge, 10-Uxbridge.	FRANKLIN. Ashfield, Buckland, Conway, Deerfield, Leverett, 6-Warwick.	BRISTOL. Easton, Mansfield, 3-New Bedford.
	BERKSHIRE. Becket, Clarksburg, Egremont, Lanesborough, New Ashford,	PLYMOUTH. Abington, Hingham, Middleborough, 4-Rochester.
		BARNSTABLE. Dennis, Falmouth, 3-Harwich.
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3.—*List of Towns which have made no Returns.*

Hopkinton and Watertown, in **MIDDLESEX**; Brookfield, in **WORCESTER**; Hadley, in **HAMPSHIRE**; Palmer, in **HAMPDEN**; Greenfield, in **FRANKLIN**; Adams, Cheshire and Windsor, in **BERKSHIRE**; Freetown and Westport, in **BRISTOL**; Hanson, in **PLYMOUTH**; and Truro, in **BARNSTABLE**: In all, 13 Towns.

4.—Recapitulation.

COUNTIES.	No. of Towns from which Returns were received on or before May 31, 1843.	No. of Towns from which Returns have been received since May 31.	Number of Towns which have not made Returns.	TOTAL.	Names of Towns which have not made Returns.
Suffolk, . . .	2	. . .	. . .	2	Hopkinton.
Essex, . . .	24	4	. . .	28	Watertown.
Middlesex, . . .	38	7	2	47	Brookfield.
Worcester, . . .	44	10	1	55	Hadley.
Hampshire, . . .	17	5	1	23	Palmer.
Hampden, . . .	14	3	1	18	Greenfield.
Franklin, . . .	19	6	1	26	Adams.
Berkshire, . . .	20	7	3	30	Cheshire.
Norfolk, . . .	17	5	. . .	22	Windsor.
Bristol, . . .	14	3	2	19	Freetown.
Plymouth, . . .	16	4	1	21	Westport.
Barnstable, . . .	9	3	1	13	Hanson.
Duke's County, . . .	3	. . .	. . .	3	Truro.
Nantucket, . . .	1	. . .	. . .	1	. . .
	238	57	13	308	13

TABLE II.

Exhibiting—1. A Statement of the several Counties, with their Population and modes of Employment, as per U. S. Census of 1840, and the whole number of Births, Marriages and Deaths returned from each for the year ending May 1, 1843:

2. A more detailed Statement in regard to every Town, with remarks and an Appendix of letters from the Town Clerks of Boston, Essex, Gloucester, Cambridge, Chelmsford, Lexington, Medford, Natick, Bolton, Douglas, Hardwick, Southborough, N. Brookfield, Sterling, Westborough, Amherst, Easthampton, Southampton, W. Bridgewater, &c. &c. Canton, Milton, Wrentham, Fall River, N. Bedford, Plymouth, Marshfield, W. Bridgewater, &c. &c.

1.—General Statement.

COUNTIES.	POPULATION EMPLOYED IN						Towns that made no Return.		
	Agriculture.	Commerce.	Manufactures and Trades.	Navigation.	Other occupations.	Total Census of 1840.	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.
Suffolk, .	348	2088	5588	10,942	602	95,773	784	91	2343
Essex, .	7607	551	13,984	4230	540	94,967	742	1724	1421
Middlesex, .	14,170	1542	19,975	859	572	106,611	1022	930	1598
Worcester, .	17,583	503	11,778	17	411	95,313	885	1543	1369
Hampshire, .	6547	296	2387	17	168	30,897	256	535	518
Hampden, .	6421	247	5190	50	198	37,366	299	268	357
Franklin, .	6011	182	1387	10	165	26,812	176	354	358
Berkshire, .	8630	124	3511	20	214	41,745	121	344	387
Norfolk, .	6035	846	7756	410	386	53,140	407	445	682
Bristol, .	6429	885	6459	2364	685	60,165	497	576	360
Plymouth, .	5542	360	5136	1130	228	47,373	356	923	643
Barnstable, .	1972	240	1360	5474	104	32,548	223	454	397
Duke's County, .	424	32	144	387	19	3958	30	101	56
Nantucket, .	118	227	526	1615	11	9012	59	463	195
Total, .	87,837	8063	85,176	27,525	4303	737,700	5807	8750	10,684
								26,479	13

TABLE II.—DETAILED STATEMENT.

Cities and Towns.	Popul'n.	Marr.	Bths.	Dths.	Cities and Towns.	Popul'n.	Marr.	Bths.	Dths.
SUFFOLK.					MIDDLESEX.				
Boston, ¹ - -	93,389	776	4	2230	Acton, ² - -	1121	11	-	10
Chelsea, ² - -	2390	8	87	113	Ashby, - -	1246	14	20	23
	95,773	784	91	2343	Bedford, - -	929	7	7	21
ESSEX.					Billerica, ³ - -	1632	8	4	25
Amesbury, -	2471	23	22	43	Boxborough, ¹⁰ -	426	9	10	5
Andover, -	5207	37	21	64	Brighton, ¹¹ -	1425	7	5	18
Beverly, ² - -	4689	39	51	97	Burlington, ¹² -	510	4	-	12
Boxford, - -	942	12	5	6	Cambridge, ¹³ -	8409	53	19	154
Bradford, -	2222	7	26	26	Carlisle, - -	556	1	7	5
Danvers, - -	5020	33	13	15	Charlestown, -	11,484	107	20	200
Essex, ⁴ - -	1450	7	29	20	Chelmsford, -	1697	9	18	3
Georgetown, -	1540	25	36	10	Concord, - -	1784	6	6	26
Gloucester, ⁵ -	6350	52	211	83	Dracut, - -	2188	8	5	12
Hamilton, - -	818	8	13	16	Dunstable, -	603	6	5	6
Haverhill, -	4336	38	3	2	Frammingham, -	3030	20	12	16
Ipswich, - -	3000	16	4	45	Groton, - -	2139	19	59	36
Lynn, ⁶ - -	9367	29	41	116	Holliston, ¹⁴ -	1782	13	63	40
Lynnfield, - -	707	6	23	11	Hopkinton, -	2245	-	-	-
Manchester, -	1355	10	54	26	Lexington, ¹⁵ -	1642	11	1	-
Marblehead, -	5575	39	169	104	Lincoln, - -	686	1	8	8
Methuen, - -	2251	24	65	28	Littleton, - -	927	7	12	10
Middleton, -	657	3	13	14	Lowell, - -	20,796	363	7	439
Newbury, - -	3789	17	49	42	Malden, - -	2514	4	39	18
Newburyport, -	7161	63	167	139	Marlborough, -	2101	20	64	25
Rockport, ⁷ -	2650	23	87	56	Medford, ¹⁶ -	2478	25	106	27
Rowley, - -	1203	11	11	15	Natick, - -	1285	10	31	25
Salem, - -	15,082	147	486	285	Newton, ¹⁷ -	3351	23	2	32
Salisbury, - -	2739	34	43	57	Pepperell, -	1571	16	21	18
Saugus, - -	1098	13	30	35	Reading, - -	2193	21	59	36
Topsfield, - -	1059	4	5	35	Sherburne, ¹⁸ -	995	10	27	22
Wenham, - -	689	7	22	9	Shirley, - -	957	10	18	13
W. Newbury, -	1560	15	25	22	Somerville, ¹⁹ -	-	2	7	18
	94,987	742	1724	1421	S. Reading, -	1517	13	60	23
					Stoneham, ²⁰ -	1017	7	6	11
					Stow, - -	1230	12	2	1

¹ Mr. McCleary, the city clerk, thinks that the registration year should coincide with the political, and complains that births are not returned for record.

² See Appendix. In this town the names of persons deceased are entered on the record alphabetically, thus occasioning great embarrassment in preparing the various Tables.

³ "The No. of births probably 125."

⁴ No return last year. See Appendix.

⁵ See Appendix.

⁶ The return does not state the number of deaths, but there are 116 specified by name. The clerk complains that the law is disregarded.

⁷ The facts contained in this return were obtained by personal visitation and inquiry by Mr. Pool, the town clerk.

⁸ The clerk complains of a want of returns to him.

⁹ Same as in Acton.

¹⁰ Same as in Acton and Billerica.

¹¹ Ditto.

¹² Ditto. The clerk thinks the Act should oblige some person to complain of delinquents.

¹³ See Appendix.

¹⁴ "Great delinquency on the part of parents, &c."

¹⁵ The entire return is in the Appendix.

¹⁶ For the letter of the town clerk, see Appendix.

¹⁷ "The real No. of deaths probably 50, and of births still larger."

¹⁸ The return is founded on information collected by the clerk.

¹⁹ Population included in Charlestown, supposed 1250. No census has been taken since Somerville was incorporated.

²⁰ The real No. of births probably as many as 33. Only one death was actually reported to town clerk. Last year he collected the facts himself.

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TABLE II.—CONTINUED.

Cities and Towns.	Popul'n.	Marr.	Bths.	Dths.	Cities and Towns.	Popul'n.	Marr.	Bths.	Dths.
Sudbury, - -	1422	14	15	20	N. Braintree, -	752	5	6	6
Tewksbury, ¹ -	906	7	4	10	Northborough,	1248	7	9	21
Townsend, -	1892	11	-	22	Northbridge, -	1449	8	20	17
Tyngsboro', ² -	870	6	24	15	N. Brookfield, ³	1485	13	2	23
Waltham, -	2504	26	31	39	Oakham, - -	1038	6	34	15
Watertown, -	1810	-	-	-	Oxford, ⁴ - -	1742	17	19	31
Wayland, - -	998	13	28	16	Paxton, - -	670	9	5	-
W. Cambridge,	1363	19	37	33	Petersham, -	1775	20	2	26
Westford, ⁵ -	1436	9	17	29	Phillipston, ¹⁰ -	919	5	13	17
Weston, - -	1092	9	26	21	Princeton, -	1347	5	4	17
Wilmington, ⁴	859	12	15	13	Royalston, -	1667	12	6	17
Woburn, - -	2993	39	3	42	Rutland, - -	1260	11	27	15
	106611	1022	930	1598	Shrewsbury, -	1481	9	29	12
WORCESTER.					Southborough,	1145	1	23	13
Ashburnham, -	1652	18	44	33	Southbridge, ¹¹	2031	18	58	25
Athol, - -	1591	12	49	27	Spencer, - -	1604	22	36	28
Auburn, - -	649	6	3	8	Sterling, ¹² -	1647	17	9	31
Barre, - -	2751	21	75	41	Sturbridge, -	2005	13	4	33
Berlin, - -	763	6	13	17	Sutton, - -	2370	19	7	20
Bolton, - -	1186	11	42	21	Templeton, -	1776	19	13	23
Boylston, - -	797	9	9	15	Upton, - -	1466	19	56	25
Brookfield, -	2472	-	-	-	Uxbridge, - -	2004	10	51	31
Charlton, - -	2117	20	25	39	Warren, - -	1290	5	25	18
Dana, - -	691	19	24	14	Webster, - -	1403	8	31	15
Douglas, ⁶ - -	1617	17	22	16	Westboro', ¹³ -	1658	22	30	32
Dudley, - -	1352	5	23	12	W. Boylston,	1187	8	33	18
Fitchburg, -	2604	30	88	37	Westminster,	1645	14	13	30
Gardner, - -	1260	12	31	30	Winchendon,	1754	19	41	25
Grafton, - -	2943	47	35	24	Worcester, -	7497	84	44	144
Hardwick, -	1789	19	50	25		95,313	835	1543	1369
Harvard, - -	1571	13	20	21	HAMPSHIRE.				
Holden, - -	1874	17	46	25	Amherst, ¹⁴ -	2550	18	78	65
Hubbardston, -	1784	27	52	24	Belchertown,	2554	45	40	36
Lancaster, -	2019	12	26	39	Chesterfield, -	1132	4	6	12
Leicester, - -	1707	18	28	26	Cummington,	1237	2	11	15
Leominster, ⁶ -	2069	14	45	40	Easthampton, ¹⁵	717	7	13	16
Lunenburg, -	1272	7	9	19	Enfield, - -	976	6	29	15
Mendon, - -	3524	10	4	38	Goshen, - -	556	4	13	13
Milford, - -	1773	26	72	37	Granby, - -	971	3	11	26
Millbury, ⁷ - -	2171	14	58	13	Greenwich, -	824	9	20	10

¹ The return is not certified by town clerk.

² "During the last six months more births have been entered upon the record than had been recorded for forty years before."

³ The births were probably more numerous. It is difficult to get returns.

⁴ "There have been but few births, deaths or marriages recorded for ten years."

⁵ See Appendix of Letters.

⁶ The town clerk suggests a provision of law that every town clerk who makes a correct return be paid therefor \$5.00.

⁷ The clerk perambulated the town to ob-

tain the materials of his return, and states that it would be cheaper for him to pay the fine of \$10 than to make the requisite returns and copies.

⁸ See Appendix.

⁹ Obtained by actual visit and inquiry by the clerk.

¹⁰ The same remark as in Oxford.

¹¹ See letter of town clerk.

¹² Ditto.

¹³ See Appendix.

¹⁴ See Appendix.

¹⁵ No record has ever been kept. See App.

TABLE II.—CONTINUED.

Cities and Towns.	Popul'n.	Marr.	Bths.	Dths.	Cities and Towns.	Popul'n.	Marr.	Bths.	Dths.
Hadley, - -	1814	-	-	-	Bernardston, ⁸	992	4	22	8
Hatfield, - -	933	16	21	11	Buckland, ⁹	1084	8	-	-
Middlefield, -	1717	6	15	10	Charlemont, ¹⁰	1127	6	24	20
Northampton, -	3750	16	87	94	Colrairie, ¹¹	1971	6	78	20
Norwich, - -	750	8	18	10	Conway, ¹²	1409	9	8	17
Pelham, - -	956	13	8	7	Deerfield, ¹³	1912	8	-	44
Plainfield, -	910	14	23	14	Erving, ¹⁴	309	-	1	8
Prescott, - -	780	8	10	7	Gill, - -	798	6	17	20
South Hadley,	1458	15	40	31	Greenfield, -	1756	-	-	-
Southampton, ¹	1157	11	23	18	Hawley, - -	977	3	10	10
Ware, ² - -	1890	19	1	42	Heath, ¹⁵	895	4	20	10
Westhampton,	759	3	11	14	Leverett, - -	875	10	10	17
Williamsburg,	1309	19	23	22	Leyden, - -	632	12	20	5
Worthington, ³	1197	10	34	30	Monroe, - -	282	-	10	6
	30,897	256	535	518	Montague, ¹⁶	1255	2	-	18
HAMPDEN.					New Salem, -	1305	11	9	12
Blandford, - -	1427	17	42	26	Northfield, ¹⁷	1673	1	21	3
Brimfield, - -	1419	6	2	30	Orange, - -	1501	6	7	14
Chester, - -	1632	19	25	14	Rowe, - -	703	7	19	14
Granville, - -	1414	7	-	26	Shelburne, ¹⁸	1022	4	16	25
Holland, - -	423	2	1	-	Shutesbury, -	987	10	3	4
Longmeadow,	1270	3	7	25	Sunderland, -	719	9	8	10
Ludlow, - -	1268	9	24	21	Warwick, - -	1071	11	12	29
Monson, - -	2151	34	28	52	Wendell, ¹⁹	875	13	20	15
Montgomery, -	740	8	8	8	Whateley, - -	1072	7	15	9
Palmer, - -	2139	-	-	-		28,812	176	354	358
Russell, - -	955	2	4	6	BERKSHIRE.				
Southwick, ⁴	1214	11	32	21	Adams, - -	3703	-	-	-
Springfield, ⁵	10,985	128	none	none	Alford, - -	481	2	9	11
Tolland, ⁶ - -	627	4	7	15	Becket, - -	1342	8	12	13
Wales, - -	686	4	18	20	Cheshire, - -	985	-	-	-
Westfield, - -	3526	23	66	53	Clarksburg, -	370	2	9	4
W. Springfield,	3626	16	1	29	Dalton, - -	1255	6	37	14
Wilbraham, -	1864	6	3	11	Egremont, - -	1038	4	16	11
	37,366	299	268	357	Florida, - -	441	-	2	2
FRANKLIN.					Gt. Barrington,	2704	3	-	15
Ashfield, ⁷ - -	1610	19	4	20	Hancock, - -	922	-	7	13
					Hinsdale, - -	955	4	27	16

¹ See Appendix.² The entire return is in the Appendix.³ No record is kept of births and deaths.⁴ Ditto.⁵ This the town clerk certifies to be the whole record of this town of more than 10,000 inhabitants! See Appendix.⁶ The same Remarks as in Southwick.⁷ No attention is paid to making returns of deaths or births to the town clerk.⁸ Same as above. "Town clerks should be paid for making returns."⁹ No record has been kept.¹⁰ "Many marriages are solemnized in Vt."¹¹ No record of births or dths. has been kept.¹² "Only one clergyman has made a return of marriages." "But little attention is given by parents to making returns."¹³ "No return of deaths to town clerk."¹⁴ "Great neglect through the town. No return of marriages or deaths, and only one birth."¹⁵ See Appendix.¹⁶ "The law is disregarded."¹⁷ "Great remissness in making returns."¹⁸ "There is not more than one in ten of the inhabitants of the town aware of the existence of the law requiring them to make a return of births and deaths." "Until the law is altered, and then enforced by adequate penalties, the returns cannot be relied on."¹⁹ The clerk complains of great neglect of the law, and says that the remedy is for the Legislature "to cause the fines to be collected."

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Cities and Towns.	Popul'n.	Marr.	Bths.	Dths.	Cities and Towns.	Popul'n.	Marr.	Bths.	Dths.
Lanesborough,	1140	8	-	11	Sharon, -	1076	8	1	26
Lee, - - -	2428	15	57	38	Stoughton, -	2142	26	-	8
Lenox, - - -	1313	4	6	13	Walpole, -	1491	16	1	25
Mt. Washington,	438	1	12	5	Weymouth, -	3738	39	7	17
New Ashford,	227	2	2	3	Wrentham, ⁴	2915	23	13	16
N. Marlboro', -	1682	-	4	15					
Otis, - - -	1177	7	-	23		53,140	407	445	682
Peru, - - -	576	2	12	12	BRISTOL.				
Pittsfield, -	3747	4	51	51	Attleborough, ⁵	3585	26	3	1
Richmond, -	1097	4	12	10	Berkley, ⁶ -	886	10	20	13
Sandisfield, -	1464	5	1	-	Dartmouth, -	4135	24	2	1
Savoy, - - -	915	4	1	1	Dighton, -	1378	7	-	22
Sheffield, -	2322	10	-	48	Easton, -	2074	12	4	1
Stockbridge, -	1992	-	-	-	Fairhaven, ⁷	3951	47	170	35
Tyringham, -	1477	4	8	6	Fall River, ⁸	6738	120	307	135
Washington, -	991	3	24	11	Freetown, -	1772	-	-	-
W. Stockb'dge,	1448	9	2	10	Mansfield, ⁹	1382	11	3	23
Windsor, -	897	-	-	-	N. Bedford, ¹⁰	12,087	90	5	-
Williamstown,	2153	10	33	31	Norton, -	1545	9	11	5
Boston Corner, ¹	65	-	-	-	Pawtucket, ¹¹	2184	14	-	-
					Raynham, ¹²	1329	4	3	26
	41,745	121	344	387	Rehoboth, -	2169	35	46	31
NORFOLK.					Seekonk, ¹³	1996	13	-	1
Bellingham, -	1055	11	19	24	Somerset, -	1005	4	1	2
Braintree, -	2168	24	27	23	Swansey, ¹⁴	1484	17	-	-
Brookline, -	1365	5	6	8	Taunton, -	7645	54	1	64
Canton, ¹ -	1995	11	7	19	Westport, -	2820	-	-	-
Cohasset, -	1471	8	31	28					
Dedham, -	3290	31	96	63		60,165	497	576	360
Dorchester, -	4875	46	13	80	PLYMOUTH.				
Dover, - - -	520	3	3	15	Abington, -	3214	37	120	64
Foxborough, -	1298	7	43	37	Bridgewater, -	2131	15	65	37
Franklin, -	1717	9	30	21	Carver, -	995	7	10	15
Medfield, -	883	6	9	16	Duxbury, -	2798	35	52	33
Medway, -	2043	23	6	24	E. Bridgewater, ^r	1950	11	54	23
Milton, ³ -	1822	12	7	50	Halifax, -	734	5	22	14
Needham, -	1488	7	8	28	Hanson, -	1040	-	-	-
Quincy, -	3486	20	4	46	Hanover, -	1488	13	47	10
Randolph, -	3213	23	107	64	Hingham, -	3564	29	102	55
Roxbury, -	9089	49	7	44	Hull, - - -	231	1	5	1

¹ No return required.

² See Appendix.

³ See Appendix.

⁴ See Appendix.

⁵ "Great inattention is manifested in regard to making returns of births and deaths to town clerk."

⁶ The clerk suggests the importance of requiring parents and others to make more frequent and speedy returns to the town clerk.

⁷ The returns of marriages are not made to town clerk in season for his return to the

Secretary.

⁸ See Appendix.

⁹ No births or deaths returned to town clerk. He relies on other information.

¹⁰ See Appendix.

¹¹ No births and deaths returned to town clerk.

¹² "Returns very imperfect."

¹³ The clerk estimates the deaths at 40 and the births at 60. 28 couples have been published.

¹⁴ No births and deaths returned to town clerk.

TABLE II.—CONTINUED.

Cities and Towns.	Popul'n.	Marr.	Bths.	Dths.	Cities and Towns.	Popul'n.	Marr.	Bths.	Dths.
Kingston, -	1440	10	30	35	Harwich, -	2930	42	47	11
Marshfield, ¹ -	1761	30	45	55	Orleans, -	1974	19	45	26
Middleborough,	5085	32	25	13	Provincetown,	2122	24	85	59
N. Bridgewater, ²	2616	20	85	52	Sandwich, -	3719	14	89	18
Pembroke, ³ -	1258	7	31	30	Truro, -	1920	-	-	-
Plymouth, ⁴ -	5281	20	34	57	Wellfleet, ⁵	2377	10	20	32
Plympton, ⁶ -	834	5	20	18	Yarmouth, -	2554	11	61	51
Rochester, -	3864	35	65	34	Marshpee, ¹⁰ -	309	-	-	-
Scituate, -	3886	19	35	60					
Wareham, -	2002	13	46	25					
W. Bridgewater, ⁶	1201	12	30	12					
	47,373	356	923	643					
BARNSTABLE.					DUKE'S.				
Barnstable, -	4301	25	18	26	Chilmark, -	702	7	12	8
Brewster, -	1522	11	22	26	Edgartown, -	1736	12	34	26
Chatham, -	2334	22	5	70	Tisbury, -	1520	11	55	22
Dennis, ⁷ -	2942	19	48	21					
Eastham, ⁸ -	955	7	14	21					
Falmouth, -	2589	19	-	36	NANTUCKET.				
					Nantucket, ¹¹ -	9012	59	462	195
					D. C. and N.				
					TOTAL, -	12,970	89	563	251

¹ See Appendix.² "A true return, so far as I have been able to obtain information."³ The people make few or no returns.⁴ See Appendix.⁵ In this town the record is kept with great care, but the people make no returns to the town clerk. That officer collects it himself, with a fidelity worthy of all praise.⁶ See Appendix.⁷ "It is customary for the town clerk to go through the town and collect the information himself."⁸ "The registration laws are so loose and vague, that our citizens have been in the habit of disobeying them altogether."⁹ "I have applied personally for the information this year, expecting that our next Legislature will alter and amend the laws."¹⁰ "Physicians should be compelled to make returns of deaths and the causes of death."¹¹ No return required.¹² "The above I believe to be a correct list, as near as I can collect them from physicians and sextons."

AGGREGATE,

Showing the whole number of Deaths, &c. returned for the two years of 1842 and 1843.

COUNTIES.	MARRIAGES.		BIRTHS.		DEATHS.		REMARKS.
	1842	1843	1842	1843	1842	1843	
Suffolk,	768	784	101	91	2006	2343	It is manifest from this Table, that the Returns cannot be relied upon as showing the correct number of births, marriages or deaths. The real number of deaths does not, of course, exceed that of births in any county; nor is the sterility of any county so frightful as might appear from the Nantucket return of 1842. There is, however, a perceptible improvement in the Returns of 1843.
Essex,	683	742	1242	1724	1220	1421	
Middlesex,	1037	1022	992	930	1549	1598	
Worcester,	900	835	1275	1543	1287	1369	
Hampshire,	239	256	619	535	377	518	
Hampden,	358	299	252	268	295	357	
Franklin,	177	176	454	354	353	358	
Berkshire,	157	121	548	344	450	387	
Norfolk,	370	407	645	445	510	682	
Bristol,	415	497	984	576	431	360	
Plymouth,	297	356	706	923	453	643	
Barnstable,	216	223	689	454	371	397	
Duke's Co.	23	30	64	101	58	56	
Nantucket,	102	59	0	462	184	195	
	5742	5807	8471	8750	9544	10,684	1140 more deaths returned in 1843 than in 1842.
				8471		9544	
Increase of returns in 1843 over those of the previous year.							
		5742					
		65					279 more births returned in 1843 than in 1842.
							279 more marriages returned in 1843 than in 1842.

APPENDIX.

BOSTON, *May 31, 1843.*

DEAR SIR,—I herewith send you the return of the births, marriages and deaths, in the city of Boston, as received and recorded. In the return of marriages the names are not given, as it is impossible to record and give a copy of the same within the time prescribed by law. The statute requires the clergymen and magistrates who solemnize marriages, to return a list of the same yearly, in the month of April, which some do; but the most of them not until May, and many of them late in the month, and some in the succeeding months. It would be better to have the returns begin the 1st of January and close the 31st December, in each year,—then they would be more perfect.

The recording of births is very much neglected by parents. A whole family of children is often brought in, and a record made of them after the lapse of twenty years and more.

The marriages, births and deaths have been kept in separate books in this city ever since the establishment of the city government, and for many years before that time.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. F. McCLEARY, *City Clerk.*

JOHN A. BOLLES, Esq., *Secretary of the Commonwealth, &c.*

Essex, *May 27, 1843.*

DEAR SIR,—In obedience to your instructions, and in conformity to the Act of March 3, 1842, I herewith transmit the annual return of births, marriages and deaths, which have taken place in the town of Essex during the year ending May 1, 1843, also a certified copy of the clerk's record of the same; but the record, of which I now forward a transcript, is one made by me since the first of the present month. I was chosen to the office of clerk the present year, for the first time, and found by examining the record that *but seven births and eleven deaths had been recorded for eighteen years; none the past year.*

Immediately upon the receipt of your circular of April 10, I posted notices in different parts of the town, stating the substance of the Act of March 3, 1842, also of the section of the Revised Statutes, requiring parents and others to give notice to the clerk, &c., and earnestly requested all those in whose families there had been any birth or death the past year, to furnish me with

the necessary information, on or before a given time, which time came and passed, but no attention whatever was paid to the requirements of law, or to the request, except in a very few instances. I have since, by aid of the sexton, physician and others, ascertained in what families there had been any births or deaths, and by visiting the parents or friends myself, (in almost every instance,) have obtained from them the facts as now recorded, which I believe to be minutely correct, but don't know *whether such a record will be considered authentic, or not.*

The transcript of the marriage record herewith forwarded, does not furnish, perhaps, all the information you might desire or expect, but I shall endeavor to have it in better shape another year. The acts requiring a record to be kept, and an annual return to be made, of births, marriages and deaths, will, I doubt not, be attended with much general benefit; but it seems to me that *some new law will be necessary to compel parents* and others to furnish town clerks with the necessary information and in the proper time. The present law upon that point is with us a dead letter, and will probably remain so, as there seems to be no disposition to heed it at all; indeed, *there was some unwillingness manifested to give the clerk the needful information after he had travelled some miles to obtain it.*

I hope, Sir, if the law of March 3, 1842, is to remain in force, that some new act will be passed, which will awaken parents and others to a sense of their duty.

Excuse the liberty I have taken in addressing these lines to you, and accept the assurance of my esteem.

A. L. BURNHAM, *Town Clerk.*

To JOHN A. BOLLES, Esq., *Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

GLOUCESTER, May 27, 1843.

JOHN A. BOLLES, Esq.: DEAR SIR,—I have, with much pains, been able to obtain the information comprised in the foregoing return. * * *

* * * It is my wish that some more compulsory law should be enacted to remedy the evil.

I am, Sir, your humble servant,

WM. SAVILLE, *Town Clerk.*

CAMBRIDGE, May 21, 1843.

To the Secretary of the Commonwealth:—Enclosed you have certain returns, required by law. They are less perfect than could be desired, but as perfect as I have the means to make them. The town records came into my custody but a few weeks since, and, during the interval which has elapsed, other public and imperative duties have prevented me from rendering them more complete. I purpose to procure immediately a new set of record-books, and to take such measures to ensure full and perfect records, as shall enable myself,

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or my successor, to approach much more nearly, in 1844, to the degree of accuracy contemplated by the statute.

Respectfully, &c. LUCIUS R. PAIGE.

CHELMSFORD.

As it is impossible to give anything like a full return, a specimen only is here given, which is sufficient to show the *manner* in which entries are made. Deaths are recorded in the same way. It has been customary for many years to make the entries of marriages by recording the certificate of the clergyman or magistrate, just as given in; of course there is a variety of forms used. The *marriages*, I doubt not, *are all* returned in *some form*.

Last year I spent considerable time in trying to collect the necessary materials to form as correct a return as possible. *This year* I have confined myself *wholly to the returns received*. My reasons for doing so are briefly these: as I had advertised in four public places, in as many different sections of the town, previous to making my return last year, stating the substance of the statute, and the duties and forfeitures of parents, guardians and town clerks, under its provisions; also urging the faithful discharge of its duties on the part of *parents*, in order to enable others to discharge their duty; and as there has been such a gross neglect on their part, especially as it concerns *deaths*, I thought it was best that the proper department should know the exact state of things as they now exist, though by so doing I should subject myself to the penalty of the law. I have no other apology to offer for the neglect of my duty than what is implied in the foregoing.

E. F. WEBSTER, *Town Clerk*.

LEXINGTON.

Number of Births as per record,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Number of Marriages as per record,	-	-	-	-	-	11
Number of Deaths as per record,	-	-	-	-	-	—

Information derived from other sources than records, show that there has been at least twenty-three deaths during said year—diseases or cause of death to me unknown.

The number of births to me unknown. I posted notice the last year, requesting the inhabitants to bring in the number of births, deaths, &c., but to no purpose.

It appears to me, if the secretary of state should furnish the several town clerks in the state, with blanks, to be posted up in several places in each town, with the law attached to the same, that the object might be attained.

A true copy of record. Attest:

JOHN MULLIKEN, *Town Clerk*.

MEDFORD, May 30, 1843.

SIR,—Your circular of April 10, 1843, as also copy of report submitted to the Legislature of Massachusetts, Feb. 27, 1843, concerning the registry of births, marriages and deaths, were duly received and examined. The suggestions contained in each I consider very appropriate and needful, calculated to excite more general regard to the subjects referred to, which seem to have been almost lost on public attention for the last half century.

Our own town records show a very decided and declining neglect from about the year 1800 to 1834, in which year a new town clerk was elected, (Mr. Wm. D. Fitch,) who, amongst other reforms just coming into vogue at that time, called upon the inhabitants (at the same time publishing the old law, with regard to registration,) to walk up and do the needful, and the result was a very general return of births and deaths which had occurred in previous years.

In 1836, I had the honor to be elected clerk of Medford, at which time the Revised Statutes were published, and some alteration being made therein of the registry laws, I issued a notice relative thereto, and a large number of entries of births and deaths were consequently made, which, however, annually continued to lessen till 1841, in which year only ten births and deaths were entered for record at my office.

On the receipt of the circular of the secretary of the commonwealth, relative to the returns of births, marriages and deaths, by town clerks, under the Act of March, 1842, I posted notices, and called upon physicians and others, in order to glean what I could from these sources, to make up a return in compliance with the law, but the information sought was not very fully responded to, either from a lack of interest by community in the subject, or from want of data by physicians to fill the blanks which I placed in their hands—therefore the return made by me was incomplete.

The present year, on the receipt of your letter of instructions, I caused a circular (a copy of which I shall enclose,) to be placed in the hands of each family in town, the result of which has been the entering of a considerable number of births and deaths over former years, many of which occurred in previous years.

Your suggestion that the exaction of the penalty for neglect would give efficacy to the statute, &c., I have duly considered, and doubt not would produce the desired effect in many instances. But, Sir, in a community like ours, the laws being generally regarded when known, and the doctrine of persuasion predominating very largely over coercion, I deemed it most expedient to renewedly notify the inhabitants of their liabilities, before enforcing the law, which I shall now feel at liberty to do in any known case of neglect.

I have delayed making the accompanying returns to this late period, in order to obtain as much information on the subjects referred to as possible, and yet they are quite unsatisfactory, so far as regards births and deaths. Physicians, to whom I am mainly indebted for a list of deaths, do not always know the age of their patients, and in many cases of adult males not even their occupations.

If no other alteration of our present registration laws are made, I am of opinion that the object contemplated by them would be promoted by making it the duty of physicians to make returns to town clerks of all deaths occurring in their practice, with the particulars required by the existing statute.

Your remarks in report, on the laws of the commonwealth concerning registration, are to the point, and must be acquiesced in by every candid mind.

The outlines of a statute to regulate corporate registration, as sketched and submitted in your report, I fully approve; being clearly stated, may be readily understood by all classes in community; the penalties annexed for neglect are such as would be likely to cause every one to avoid their infliction, especially if a *moiety* of the *fine* should go to the informant or prosecutor.

The forms prescribed for registration are such as should be adopted, if an alteration in the law is made agreeably to your views.

The forms of entry in the town of Medford books of record, are such as answer the present requirements of law, which appear to me very far short of the design, and certainly inadequate to furnish the desired information which your plan contemplates, and which the growth and mixed character of the population of the country requires to be collected, for general and important purposes.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

OLIVER BLAKE, *Town Clerk of Medford.*

JOHN A. BOLLES, Esq., *Secretary of the Commonwealth of Mass.*

NATICK, May 15, 1843.

HON. JOHN A. BOLLES: SIR,—I herewith make a return of births, marriages and deaths, together with a copy of the records of the town of Natick, in relation to this subject, for the past year. The entries of births, marriages and deaths, ever since the American Revolution, have been recorded promiscuously, as the information has been obtained by the various town clerks, up to this day. Great pains have been taken the past year, by the town clerk, to collect correct information in relation to the subject of inquiry, and with all the pains so taken, it is very doubtful, to say the least, whether all the facts have been collected. The subscriber has been town clerk in Natick for fifteen years, and he recollects *no instance* of a birth, and but *one instance* of a death, having been voluntarily communicated to him within the time by law prescribed for giving such information. If, therefore, the records of this town should be found very imperfect, the clerk only regrets that others have not been so desirous of performing the duties devolving on them, as he has to discharge the official duties belonging to the office which he fills.

I am, Sir, very respectfully, your humble servant,

CHESTER ADAMS, *Town Clerk of Natick.*

BOLTON, *May 26, 1843.*

HON. JOHN A. BOLLES : DEAR SIR,—In compliance with your request, I transmit a copy of the records of births, marriages and deaths, of the town of Bolton, for the year past, ending May 1, 1843.

All marriages that are solemnized in town, are annually handed in and recorded, but am sorry to say little attention has been paid to recording the births and deaths, as you will perceive by this copy, and it was with much difficulty that I obtained the necessary information to fill out the blank in the manner I have, which is not complete, but for the future will endeavor to make it more perfect. Of the forty-two births in town, only two are on record.

HUMPHREY BARRETT, *Town Clerk.*

EAST DOUGLAS, *May 18, 1843.*

DEAR SIR,—I have endeavored to comply with the Act of 1842. I am aware that the return is very imperfect ; but, Sir, it is chargeable to the inefficiency of the Act itself. I regard this matter as one of great importance, and hope that your report or plan of registry will become a law. This would enable the town clerks to prepare a clear and intelligible record. As the law now is, no safe conclusions can be drawn.

Yours respectfully, F. BATCHELLER, *Town Clerk.*

JOHN A. BOLLES, *Secretary.*

HARDWICK, *May 22, 1843.*

HON. JOHN A. BOLLES : SIR,—When I handed to Mr. Bigelow, last year, the return of deaths and marriages from this town, and promised I would “endeavor to get returns of births in future,” my reliance was placed on the facts which I might obtain from my medical brethren. I regret that I have been able to obtain so little assistance from this source.

In a town like this, it is not very difficult to keep an accurate record of the *deaths*, but I know not how to procure the facts which would enable me to keep such a record of *births*. No one has returned to me, to be recorded, a birth which took place in the year ending May 1, 1843. I requested my neighbor, Dr. Wardwell, a year ago, to keep, for my use, a list of the births where he was called in, and he now tells me the number of cases is 20, but he cannot tell me the parents' names nor the sexes of the children. Dr. Willis has attended 3 cases, at all of which males were born, and one was stillborn. I hear of 3 other cases, attended by two other practitioners. In 24 cases which I have attended myself, there have been 8 males and 16 females born ; 2 of the males were stillborn.

I am by no means certain that “a few *exactions* of the *penalty* would give *universal efficacy* to the *statute*.”

Among our hills, it has always appeared to me, that people were easier led than driven, and I think the duties of a town clerk sufficiently onerous and per-

plexing without making him a prosecuting officer. I should rejoice if an accurate registry could be made, and would do all in my power to promote it.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOSEPH STONE, *Town Clerk.*

SOUTHBOROUGH, June 5, 1843.

To the Secretary of the Commonwealth: DEAR SIR,—This return would have been made and forwarded in due time if sickness had not prevented me.

I *know* there has been 23 births in Southborough from May 1, 1842 up to May 1, 1843, though not more than 6 of those births have been recorded. Such has been the delinquency of our citizens. But we design that for the coming year, in this town, the law shall be strictly complied with, in order to enable the town clerk to make out his return full and complete.

Your obedient servant, JOEL BURNETT.

STERLING, May 22, 1843.

JOHN A. BOLLES, Esq., *Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:*

SIR,—Inclosed are the returns of marriages, births and deaths, in the town of Sterling, as recorded.

I take the liberty, Sir, to throw into the packet a rough memorandum, from which I meant to have expressed my ideas of the existing laws on the subject, but I was taken sick at the time and could not do it. I do it more for an apology for my defective returns, than with any expectation of its affording any useful information, although if clerks of towns would name what *they* consider obstacles in making their returns, although not always very weighty, there might *some* good come from it.

Six years ago, I found the town records, on these subjects, quite unsatisfactory to me, and I procured three blank books, as you recommend, Sir, excepting the lining, which I highly approve of, and the volumes being the right size I shall get them lined without delay.

I feel a satisfaction in spending my time to do anything right, if I have the means of so doing, and I presume many others have the same disposition. I really think the Legislature have something to do, before so desirable an object can be attained.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

T. H. BLOOD, *Clerk of the Town of Sterling.*

Memorandum.—The law is so defective, that it never can effect anything, in my opinion, until it is revised.

Who is to complain of delinquents for neglecting to return to town clerks, births and deaths? Town clerks will not be willing to risk their popularity to do it. Sextons will make lame returns of deaths, their cause, &c.

On account of births, let midwives have some agency in the matter, leaving parents to return names, &c. On account of deaths, physicians only will be

able properly to give causes, &c. I understand much of the new law is strongly recommended by physicians, to form, as I presume, valuable statistics, and what can they make from such miserable returns.

But, one great defect is, that the last six months there is no obligation on any one to return a single birth or death, say previous to 1st May.

Marriages.—From 1st April to 1st May there will be no return for the year [in which the town clerk makes his return!]

In the new law there are imposed considerable duties, and penalties affixed; but not a cent compensation for duties performed, &c.

Would it not be well to make it the duty of town treasurers to complain of delinquents, in making returns to town clerks?

There is quite a difference between volunteering our services and acting in conformity with an injunction of law.

NORTH BROOKFIELD, *May 2, 1843.*

JOHN A. BOLLES, Esq., *Secretary of the Commonwealth, Boston:*

DEAR SIR,—Your circular under date of April 10th, 1843, with blank returns, forms, &c. came duly to hand. In conformity with instructions contained in the same, I herewith inclose returns of births, marriages and deaths, for the year ending the first inst., so far as I was able to make them out from my records; but so imperfect are they, owing to the delinquency of heads of families in *their* reports, that the return is nearly useless. Besides this negligence on the part of parents, &c. there are *other* difficulties, which I think will render it impossible to fill the blanks with that degree of accuracy which is desirable, and I will state some of them. 1st. Births.—The first column is for number, No. 1, No. 2, &c. to record the order in which they occur. This cannot be done, for parents cannot report them until they are *named*, and one man will perhaps name and report his child the first week, while another will not name his child for six or eight months, so that if it occurs in the last half of the year, it will probably not be reported and recorded until into the next year; this destroys all order, both in numbers and dates. I should think I had recorded, during the year now just ended, 25 or 30 births, but, as you will see by the return, only two of them occurred during that year—so that the most that can be done is to record and report them in the order in which they are *reported* to the clerk, without any reference whatever to order of date.

2. Marriages.—The same objections exist in *this* record, as to order of date and number. One clergyman, perhaps, will marry a couple and send his certificate to the clerk the same day or very soon. Another clergyman will join a couple in marriage at the same time, or before, and keep back his certificate a month or two, and then send it in, and it will be recorded when received. A third will not report his marriages until the end of the year, which you see jumbles them all out of order; moreover, the end of the year appointed by law for ministers and justices to make their return to the clerks, does not cor-

respond with the time when the clerks are now required to make *their* return ; by which discrepancy, many marriages which take place immediately preceding the 1st of May, cannot be returned by the clerk. The law requires the clerk to record all certificates "forthwith," upon their being handed in. Again—how are their ages to be ascertained ? and by whom ? particularly old maids. When there is a law to oblige them to tell their ages to the ministers, perhaps they will render, but not before. Their color—how is that to be reported ? Shall any one be obliged to trace back their descent to Shem, Ham and Japhet ? or will you be content with a statement that "he or she is 'very black,' or 'pretty considerable black,' or 'rather dark,' or 'sandy,' or 'light complexioned ;'" these questions, perhaps, don't concern a clerk, though I am ignorant upon whom the duty would fall.

Record of Deaths.—These can generally be ascertained by the clerk, if he will inquire of the bell-ringer, the name, age, &c., and of the doctor what the disease was ; but as for their being reported by the head of a family, I never knew the instance during the seven years of my clerkship.

Then, in addition to all these impossibilities and difficulties, there is another which operates, and would, to some extent, if all the others were removed,—and that is the want of adequate compensation, for no man can afford to make the records and returns that are now required, for the present legal fees, even with all possible facilities.

Yours, respectfully, CHAS. ADAMS, JR.

WESTBOROUGH, *May* 12, 1843.

DEAR SIR,—I herewith make my returns, and as correctly as possible from the materials I have been able to gather ; have been obliged to call upon clergymen, physicians and midwives, to enable me to accomplish so much : and you see at once that it cannot be correct, as there is an increase of population in this town, which this return disproves. A correct registration cannot be accomplished under present circumstances. I have repeatedly called upon the town in their meetings, and posted the *laws*, which are a "terror to evil doers," but they heed it not ; therefore, I think if Massachusetts intends accomplishing the object, a new *code* of laws upon the subject must be made, whereby either greater penalties, or give officers or registrars power or *pay*, (which seems to be the way to accomplish an object,) to go through the town annually, and see that parents and householders make their true returns. Births—there are some who employ physicians from other towns, which I cannot learn, and you will see the sex of some I have not given, nor cannot, unless I go to their houses, which as yet I am not obliged to do. Marriages—if other towns make true returns you will have them ; in this town 27 were published—return 22 married ; 3 of 22 were not published here—so that you have but 19 of the 27 who were published in this town. Deaths—I have requested the sexton to keep a record of his burials, with name, age, &c., which he will do, and another year that return will be made correctly. I am pleased with your re-

port ; it is bringing the subject immediately before the people, and will soon accomplish the object. Whether in the marriage department the *ages* of the ladies will be found correct, as records are so deficient, is rather doubtful, as 28 is the extreme. Instead of a correct and "true copy" of record of births, I make a "return" as full and complete as possible, and run the risk of "penalty." Hoping your efforts will prove successful,

I am truly yours, E. M. PHILLIPS.

AMHERST, May 22, 1843.

JOHN A. BOLLES, Esq. : SIR,—Accompanying this is a return of the births, marriages and deaths, in this town, for the year ending May 1, 1843, with a copy of the records of each, certified as required by the statute. For five years only has a record of deaths been kept in this office, and those have been entered, as they have transpired and came to my knowledge, in the form which you have prescribed, excepting the occupation, which was added last year, according to the requisition of the law. Clergymen were not in the habit of certifying the marriages solemnized by them, yearly, till 1837. Notice was that year issued from this office to each of them, notifying them of the existing laws upon that subject and that they must be complied with, and they have since that time yearly conformed to the law. One of the reverend gentlemen sent in a certificate of 211 couple married by him in this town within 30 years. This certificate was entered on the record and covered six pages, each couple being entered on a single line. That certificate we consider invaluable, and it has already been referred to, for information of importance, several times. The record of marriages is kept according to the form, a copy of which accompanies the return. One or two pages are opened for each minister in the town, and the marriages which he certifies that he has officiated at, are entered year after year, on the same page. The heading of each page is the same as the copy now sent to you. In this manner of entering on the record, we have, at a birds-eye view, the marriages by each clergyman in each year. As the law requires the clergyman to certify only to April 1, an additional certificate for the month of April was requested and cheerfully complied with. The return of marriages include only those which have been certified to and entered on the records. On the return of marriages you will find a statement of the publishments in this place, by which we find that there were ten couple who were probably married in other places, and certified to the clerks of those towns and not to this office. The utility of a correct registry of marriages is daily growing more apparent, especially to those interested in proving marriages for pensioned widows.

The record of births was kept in the manner which you have suggested. You will perceive that a large number of parents have not *yet* given names to their children, though some of them are nearly one year of age. On the return of births you will find a table of them arranged monthly, male and female. If a similar table was prepared for all the returns of births in the state, it

might aid the study of the physiologist to ascertain how far the animal propensities of man may be periodical, or what effect our seasons may have upon those propensities.

Yours, respectfully, S. C. CARTER.

EASTHAMPTON, *May 25, 1843.*

MR. BOLLES: SIR,—I send you herewith the returns of the births, marriages and deaths, which have taken place in Easthampton for the year ending May 1, 1843. My apology for not sending a certified copy of my record, is that there never has been any record of births, marriages and deaths kept in this town. I have been clerk of this town eight years, and as there had not been any record kept previous to that time, neither had any book been provided for keeping such records, therefore I have kept none.

The registration of births, &c. has been very much neglected in this as well as in other towns; the law has been "a mere dead letter;" there has not been one birth or death sent to the clerk to be recorded for eight years. Our minister has in but one or two instances handed in a list of marriages since I have been clerk, but he has always been willing to give information when called upon. I am under great obligations to him and our physician for information that has enabled me to make my return what it is; the information that I have obtained from them, together with the time that I have spent, has enabled me to make my return nearly correct.

I should have procured a book or books for the records the year past, but I did not know in what shape to have them "got up" until I received your letter of instructions. I shall soon be prepared to keep the records as they ought to be kept.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EBEN'R FERRY, *Town Clerk of Easthampton.*

SOUTHAMPTON.

No minister of the gospel or justice of the peace has made any return to me of marriages by them solemnized during the past year, and the above return is made from personal knowledge and my record of publishments. I have been clerk of this town for the last seven years, and not more than four returns of marriages have been made to me during that time. Rev. Mr. White has solemnized nearly all the marriages in this town during said seven years, and though often requested by me to make such returns, has not done it in one solitary instance, nor has he done it at all; and if I should apply the provisions of law in his case, I should, in the estimation of the most of this community, be worthy of *stripes*, if not of *death*.

Very few parents have made returns of births; they seem to be astonished beyond measure when informed that the law requires such action on their part.

ELISHA EDWARDS, *Town Clerk.*

WARE.

JOHN A. BOLLES, Esq.: DEAR SIR,—You will see by this return that it is very much wanting in particulars, but it is as much so as can be from returns made me. The number of marriages and deaths are nearly or quite correct; probably measures will be taken in future to bring parents and others to their duty in making returns to the clerk. There have been returns of more parents of the births of their children during the year past, but which occurred before the last year.

Respectfully, LEWIS DEMOND.

SPRINGFIELD, May 29, 1843.

SIR,—With this you find the return sent me by you a few weeks since. As town clerk, I regret that I am obliged to return it to you almost as much of a blank as it came to me. There has been no return made to me the past year of births or deaths, and by the records of the town I find there has been but very few returned the past fifteen years. As to marriages, I return you all that have been returned to me, although I have published half as many more. There must be one of three causes why there are not more returned, viz.: the parties after being published must have changed their minds and backed out—or they must have gone out of town to get married—or the clergy and justices of the peace have neglected to make return. The last cause I should think the most likely. I could not return half as many married as I have, had I not written to four of our clergy, and told them that in my opinion not only the laws of God but the laws of man ought to be obeyed, and requested them to make their returns of marriages as the law provides.

Respectfully yours, &c.

JOSEPH INGRAHAM, *Town Clerk.*

HON. J. A. BOLLES, *Secretary State, Boston, Mass.*

HEATH, May 24, 1843.

TO HON. JOHN A. BOLLES: DEAR SIR,—I send you my return of births, deaths and marriages as correct as I can get them. The people in this town have been very backward in observing the law in this respect. The deaths which I send you I have been obliged to get as I could, and most of the births I took from our physician's record. I have a correct account of all deaths but one, (a Mrs. Fairbanks, an old lady,) and of all the marriages; the births are imperfectly returned.

By giving the subject more attention, and posting copies of the law in different parts of the town, I trust another year the returns from this town will be correct.

I am, very respectfully, yours,

LYSANDER M. WARD, *Town Clerk of Heath.*

FALL RIVER, *May 25, 1843.*

Secretary of the Commonwealth: DEAR SIR,—I send herewith my returns of births, marriages and deaths, but I cannot conscientiously permit them to go without explanation or comment. I have signed them as required, and by so doing the law makes me say what I *know* to be *untrue*; still, I haven't the *prima facie* evidence to exhibit to the contrary to show the incorrectness of the returns. For instance, the return signed by me says, without qualification, that the "whole number of births in the town, for the year ending May 1, 1843," is "307." Now I feel fully confident in my own mind that the *whole* number of births has not come to my knowledge; and so with regard to the marriages and also the deaths. But we will pass from *generalities* to particulars.

Births.—Instead of being governed by my records, I have been governed exclusively by the returns of our physicians, for the number of births, all of whom, I am happy to say, (with one exception,) have been very kind and very prompt in giving the desired statistics occurring in their practice. Drs. T. and A. C. Wilbur, whose practice is extensive, have given me no information upon the subject; I was, therefore, under the necessity of estimating the number of births which they probably would have returned, which estimate is *included* in *my* return. Some of the statements gave the proportion of males and females. For instance—of 161 births, 74 were males and 87 females. It is not doubted here, but that many births occur, among the Irish portion of our population, unattended by any physician.

Marriages.—To the honor and credit of all our *stated* clergymen be it said, they have made their returns, although in one or two instances not in strict accordance with the law. These returns have been entered upon the records, and a *certified copy* thereof is herewith transmitted. There were 143 certificates of publishment issued, and the clerk is of opinion that not over a dozen or fifteen were married out of the place. Transient clergymen probably officiated in some instances, of which no return was made.

Deaths.—Although we are compelled to show a sad account of mortality here, on paper, still the story is not all told, I have taken some pains to procure information upon this subject during the past year, and have made record of the same at the time. This I have been enabled to make more perfect, particularly with reference to "disease or cause of death," by the returns of our physicians; and probably it would have been still more accurate, had it not been for the omission already referred to. Their returns have also lengthened the list considerably, which will account for the irregularity of dates in the latter part of my returns. It is supposed that many deaths occur here of persons (particularly among the young,) who were not attended by physicians, and of which we have no information.

General Remarks and Suggestions.—Our population is transient, variable, changing. Families are coming and going constantly, but more of the former than the latter,—and while this fact exists, I have not the sagacity to divine a plan of perfect accuracy in a system of registration.

It is the practice of our assessors to visit every family in town in the month of May, to get a valuation of polls and estates, &c. Now if this custom prevails in other towns, it has occurred to me that they might get the desired information upon the subject in question, tolerably accurate, with the exception of those which might move out of the state during the year. I should have some scruples, however, to adding further to their already (of late years,) increased duties.

The object aimed at by the present law depends, I think, too much upon voluntary action to be obtained. I have been asked, on seeking information, if there was any penalty if the information was not given, and on replying in the negative, I have been told it was too much trouble. There are those of this class in *all* communities—hence the foregoing opinion.

I conceive the present law to be but little short of an *imposition* upon town clerks. It compels them to perform a perplexing duty, requiring not a little of their time, without an *intimation* of any compensation either from the state or town, and, as a finishing stroke, if they do not do it they are subjected to a fine of \$10!! Verily, civilization seems to be *advancing retrograde*. *Monsieur Teneon* must have come again with his penalty of hanging and fining forty shillings. And this is not all. If a poor town clerk is so unfortunate (and I can easily conceive such a circumstance, while *he* is dependent entirely on others,) as not to have any returns to make, how can he get rid of paying his \$10, *unless he goes into bankruptcy*? The law says, "returns, or \$10." The clerk says, "I have no returns, therefore my only alternative is to pay the fine. I partly came to the conclusion, while engaged in this business, recently, with the pressure of other business, that if the law continued without modification or amendment, and I should be town clerk another year, my return might consist of a \$10 bill.

Your intimation of prosecuting for neglect, on the part of parents, &c. relative to births and deaths, is kindly received. I beg leave, however, respectfully to decline the "*hint*." Until the law *designates me* as its agent, to see that it is carried into execution, I shall not prosecute my neighbors and friends for a violation of it.

I hope I shall not be considered *captious* in thus freely expressing my opinion upon the several points to which I have alluded. While penning these remarks I have been in most perfect good humor, and intend them only for the benefit (if, indeed, any benefit can be derived from them,) of those who may have charge of the subject at "head-quarters."

Truly, yours, BENJ. EARL.

P. S. One of our physicians suggests an addition to the heading of the list of deaths, viz. :—"Place of *Nativity*."

Town Clerk's Office,
NEW BEDFORD, June 27, 1843. }

To JOHN A. BOLLES, Esq., *Secretary of the Commonwealth :*

DEAR SIR,—Enclosed are the returns of births, marriages and deaths required by the Act of March 3, 1842. You will see, at a single glance, that they are too imperfect to answer any purpose whatever. I hardly know what my duty is in relation to collecting information of this kind. I have supposed, however, that it was limited to the registry of all such cases as might be returned to me, which you will perceive have been very few. The number of marriages in this town cannot be much less than 200, and yet there has been, during the past year, but ninety returned. The number of deaths, also, I am led to believe, both from inquiry and from other sources of information, will exceed 200, and the number of births 400 ; whilst of the former none have been returned, and of the latter only 5.

The law requires the several town clerks to keep a record of " the births, marriages and deaths of all persons within their respective towns and cities which may come to their knowledge." I have, however, supposed that this was to be understood as meaning all such as should *officially* come to their knowledge ; that is, all marriages which should be *returned*, and all births and deaths which should be *reported* to them. This has been the interpretation given to the law on this subject both by my predecessors and myself, and I have made no attempts to collect information in any other manner, from a full conviction that any means which I might be enabled to employ for this object, without the coöperation of the citizens generally, or the aid of some municipal regulations, would prove ineffectual ; and that after all the labor and exertion which would be necessary for this purpose, nothing like an approximation to the truth would be obtained.

Notwithstanding the law in relation to births and deaths has been repeatedly published here for the information of the citizens, it has in fact become a dead letter upon our statute books ; and even the law in relation to the returns of marriages is disregarded by many of our clergymen and magistrates ;—not more, probably, than one half of the whole number being made, even after repeated solicitations to do so.

It will undoubtedly be admitted by every one, that the information which the present law contemplates would be of great value, provided it could be made complete ; but from my experience, I believe it would be futile to expect such a result from its operations.

I would here state, in extenuation of my offence for neglecting to make the returns required by law, in 1842, that in consequence of the imperfect state of our records, I, immediately upon the receipt of the circular and blank for that year, set about procuring the required information from such sources as I thought would be most likely to result successfully ; and that after having prosecuted the research so far as to ascertain that there had been within the town, during the year ending May 1, 1842, at least 184 deaths and 348 births,

I was induced, in view of the difficulties which seemed to present themselves on every hand, to abandon any further voluntary efforts : and, believing it to be quite impossible for the state to obtain the required information under the operation of the existing law, and therefore that the whole plan would be abandoned in its present form, and some more adequate provisions made for the effectual accomplishment of so desirable an object, I neglected wholly to make return, supposing that from its necessarily imperfect state it would not be required. But this conclusion I was induced to abandon upon the receipt of your report on the subject, made to the legislature in February last.

A further delay has also occurred in making the returns for the present year, which I sincerely regret, and which I hope will not cause you any additional labor. It has been occasioned by my desire to hit upon some plan by which you could be furnished with a correct return from this town. But failing in this, I now transmit you copies of such records as have been made within the year, together with a return of all the births, marriages and deaths which have come to my knowledge officially.

Permit me here to express the opinion, that the present law is, in its provisions, inadequate for the accomplishment of the objects contemplated, and cannot, in its present form, be made to accomplish the end proposed.

I am, Sir, most respectfully, your obedient servant,

HENRY H. CRAPO, *Town Clerk.*

CANTON, *May 29, 1843.*

DEAR SIR,—The accompanying returns, though as full as it is in my power to make them, are far from being complete,—the deaths, with but two exceptions, having been obtained from the sexton, who seldom notes down the age or sex of the person who has died, and generally gives the date of the funeral instead of that of the death ; and the greater number of births which have been reported, since the attention of the town has been called to the subject, are those of several years back.

Agreeably to a vote of the town, notices have been posted up in the several meeting-houses, calling upon the inhabitants to comply with the requisitions of the law, an abstract of which accompanied each notice. This, it is hoped, will be the means of enabling the clerk next year to make a more full return.

There would have been less difficulty in effecting this object if the law had been more definite, or if it been provided that the compensation for registering should be paid eventually from the state treasury, as I find that some have been deterred from having their children registered through fear of the expense, thinking that the fees might be the same as for a marriage certificate,—while others, who understand that the fees are to be paid by the town, wish to save the town from what they think a useless expense. As in some towns there may be a majority of this opinion, unless some alteration is made the law will

be very easily evaded, by choosing a clerk who will disregard it, and voting to remit all fines that may be incurred. But should this not be the case, full returns cannot be expected till the law is revised, as much of the information required to make them complete may not be received by the clerk till five months, in the case of births and deaths, and, in that of marriages, eleven months, after the time allowed him has expired. And as there is no provision for making up deficiencies, what is received too late, though recorded in the town books, will never be reported.

I shall endeavor, as far as in my power, to enforce the law in the case of marriages and births, but, with regard to deaths, shall feel obliged to wait for voluntary information. This information might be very easily obtained by those who have the care of funerals, if it were made their duty to attend to it and they were allowed a compensation for the service. But I think it ought not to be expected that a town clerk should call upon any family in which he may hear that a death has taken place, to enquire into the particulars, or, after waiting six months for the information, to prosecute the person to blame, for the neglect.

With regard to the manner of registering, though I have followed the plan of some of my predecessors in office of recording the births in families in a book which serves for the record of births, deaths, marriages, and intentions of marriages, and which was furnished by the town when it was first incorporated, I shall be glad to adopt, and no doubt my successors would follow, any other method which might be thought best, whenever the necessary books are furnished for the purpose, which I think, if uniformity is required, ought to be done by the state instead of the towns.

Less blame would be attached to the clerks for apparent neglect of duty, if the peculiar situation of a large proportion of them were taken into consideration,—many of them receiving nothing for their services excepting the trifling fees allowed by law, the payment of which is often evaded,—and new duties being often imposed upon them by the legislature, for which no compensation is provided, and those duties such as cannot be performed without the concurrence of the town, the inhabitants of which are scattered over a large extent of territory. If when laws are passed requiring such services, and which cannot be made to appear of immediate benefit to the towns, provision should be made to have the expenses paid from the state treasury, there would be less difficulty in enforcing them.

Your report and circular were not received till after I had called the attention of the town to the subject in April, since which there has been but one meeting, and that very thinly attended. As there will be likely to be a very full meeting in November, I intend again to bring it forward. A circular addressed to the several town clerks, especially those who have been negligent, and which would be received by them three or four weeks previous to the meeting, would no doubt have a good effect; and if printed copies of the law could be furnished to the clerks, to be posted up in several public places of

meeting in the town, no doubt the law, defective as it is, would be better observed.

Very respectfully, yours, JAMES A. BAZIN.

JOHN A. BOLLES, Esq., *Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

MILTON, May 26, 1843.

There was but one birth and one death entered upon the records of the town of Milton during that part of the year previous to March last, when the books came into my possession,—and I have been obliged to make use of such information as I could obtain elsewhere, in making my return.

The number of deaths stated in the return I believe to be precisely correct, and the other information sufficiently so, as far as it goes. The christian name and sex of many of the children could not be ascertained; there is a deficiency also in the column of diseases.

As respects the births, except those in the return none have come to my knowledge so particularly that I should be able to make a correct entry of them upon the records. I can make no estimate of the number of births in the town during the past year.

But few births or deaths (probably in the whole not exceeding 40 each,) have been recorded during the last seven years.

The record of marriages, during the year, is also incomplete. *Of the three clergymen* officiating in Milton, *one has recently left without making his return* to the town clerk; and though I have made exertions to find his record, I have been unable to do so. The whole number of marriages in the town, during the year, probably would not exceed 20.

JASON REED, *Town Clerk.*

WRENTHAM, July 7, 1843.

DEAR SIR,—Herewith I transmit you the return of births, marriages and deaths, also a copy of the record of those events in this town, during the year ending May 1, 1843.

My neglect to do so, during the month of May, arose from no desire to evade the law, but from an earnest desire to obtain and communicate the information which it was the design of the law to reach.

Up to the first of May, only a single death had been reported, which, with one or two births, would have been all I could have returned.

Having been informed by the clerk in your office, that the abstract would not be made up immediately, I was in hopes of being able to present a return of every birth and death that had taken place in the town during the past year; but owing to a press of other matters, I have been able to visit only about a third of the families in town, and I am inclined to think that only about one third of the births and deaths in town are returned.

Indeed, within a short distance of me, there are several children waiting for

names, ere they can be recorded ; but as the six months have not expired that is allowed the parent to bring in the name, &c., I do not see as I can notice them in the return.

You will perceive by the record of marriages, that the return by those authorized to solemnize them does not state, in every instance, the town in which the ceremony was performed. Twenty-three is the number, I believe, which were solemnized in this town.

I am, very respectfully, yours, &c.

DAVID L. COWELL.

JOHN A. BOLLES, Esq.

WEST BRIDGEWATER, *May 24, 1843.*

DEAR SIR,—The method of registering births and deaths, in this town, has been to place the names of children, and the dates of birth, in a column underneath the names of their respective parents, and whenever a death occurs in the family, to place the date of the child's death in the adjoining column, directly opposite its name, by which method the age of the child is seen at one view ; and in case of the death of any person whose birth has never been recorded in this town, the person's name and age (*in years,*) is registered in another place, under the head of deaths *only*.

Agreeably to the above method, in order to make my return a verbatim copy of record, I have been under the necessity of making use of the prefix, *the children of,* in the *plural*, notwithstanding in a record for only one year there is an addition of but *one* child to any one family.

And, it will be observed, that the *number* of births, in the general return, does not exactly correspond with the number in the copy of record, for the obvious reason that six months are allowed parents, guardians, &c., to give notice of births ; therefore all have not, *as yet*, been recorded.

And, likewise, the number of marriages returned does not, probably, embrace the whole which have been solemnized, for several others have received certificates of publishment, and, it is presumed, are married ; but there having been no official returns made, they, of course, have not been recorded.

In my return of deaths, it so happens, that there are nine of the twelve, who have died the past year, whose births are not recorded in *this town* ; consequently their ages in years, *months and days* cannot be ascertained without having recourse to the *old records in another town*, (of which this was formerly a part,) for the date of their respective births. I have, therefore, given their ages in years only.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

N. WHITMAN.

JOHN A. BOLLES, Esq., *Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

PLYMOUTH.

The town clerk says : " There have been 67 deaths in addition to those recorded and returned, as I learn from sextons. The return is imperfect, although I have taken great pains to obtain the information which I here transmit. I think that the number of births in the return does not include more than one third of the number actually born."

MARSHFIELD.

The town clerk of Marshfield says : " Dr. J. B. Fobes, of Hanover, has attended on persons in this town, *but he refuses to report to me the names of the diseases of which they died.*"

This is not the only instance of such extraordinary and censurable refusal, if the statement of clerks may be relied on. The law, however, imposes no obligation upon physicians to answer questions.

TABLE III.

Exhibiting the Number of Deaths of persons whose Occupations are named in the Returns,—with their Ages, and the approximate Average Longevity of the several Occupations.

OCCUPATION.	Under 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	Not stated.	Total.	Approximate average of longevity.
Apothecary, -	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	45
Axe Grinder, -	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	35
Baker, -	.	.	.	3	.	2	.	.	.	.	5	53
Bank Officer, -	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	25
Bleacher, -	.	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	28
Boat-builder, -	1	.	.	1	.	2	80
Blacksmith, -	.	1	7	3	2	10	9	2	.	1	35	59
Bookbinder, -	1	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	31
Bookseller, -	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	25
Brick-maker, -	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	25
Brush-maker, -	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	45
Butcher, -	.	.	.	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	3	62
Cabinet-maker, -	.	2	2	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	7	41
Card-maker, -	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	3	65
Carpenter, -	.	19	23	17	9	19	9	2	1	.	99	48
Caulker & Graver, -	.	.	.	1	.	2	.	.	.	.	3	58
Chair-maker, -	1	.	.	.	1	75
Chaise-maker, -	1	.	.	.	.	1	65
Clergymen, -	.	4	2	4	2	2	5	3	.	.	22	55
Clerk, -	2	8	1	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	13	31
Clock & Watch maker, -	.	2	.	1	.	1	.	1	.	.	5	49
Clothier, -	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	45
Coach-maker, -	.	.	1	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	3	48
Cooper, -	.	.	2	1	6	7	1	1	.	.	18	59
Confectioner, -	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	2	55
Coppersmith, -	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	25
Cordwainer, -	5	30	18	7	13	15	18	6	.	1	113	48
Currier, -	.	2	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	3	35
Drover, -	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	55
Dyer, -	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	35
Farrier, -	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	18
Fisherman, -	.	2	3	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	8	44
Gentleman, -	.	.	1	3	.	.	2	1	.	.	7	58
Hackman, -	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	25
Hatter, -	.	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	40
Horticulturist, -	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	55
Iron Founder, -	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	25
Jeweller and Goldsmith, -	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	25

TABLE III.—CONTINUED.

OCCUPATION.	Under 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	Not stated.	Total.	Approximate average or majority.
Laborer, - -	7	23	31	20	25	23	23	13	1	5	171	51
Landlord, - -		3	1	1							5	31
Lawyer, - -		1		1	2			1			5	53
Machinist, - -		1	1	3	2	1					8	46
Manufacturer, - -				1	1						2	50
Mariner, - -	14	59	32	29	21	12	22	8		2	199	43
Mason, - -		2	6	1	3	3	4	2			21	54
Match-maker, - -		1									1	25
Merchant, - -	2	9	3	10	4	4	7	1	1		41	49
Miller, - -		1	3	1	1	3		1			10	51
Millwright, - -					1		1				2	65
Morocco dress'r, - -				1	1						2	50
Nail-maker, - -					1						1	55
Navy Officer, - -			1								1	35
Ostler, - -	1	2				1					4	33
Painter, - -		2	1	4			1				8	42
Paper-maker, - -			1								1	35
Pauper, - -	1	1		1	1	5	14	7	1	1	32	71
Pedler, - -		3		2	1		1				7	42
Pill-maker, - -							1				1	75
Physician, - -		2	4	2	5	6	2	4			25	57
Postmaster, - -				1							1	45
Potter, - -						1					1	65
Portrait Painter, - -				1							1	45
Powder-maker, - -		1									1	25
Printer, - -		4			1						5	31
Provision deal'r, - -				1							1	45
Pump & Block maker, - -			1								1	35
Rigger, - -						1					1	65
Rope-maker, - -			1		4	1	1				7	56
Saddler, - -		3	1								4	27
Sail-maker, - -				1		1					2	60
Segar-maker, - -			1								1	35
Sexton, - -					1						1	55
Sheriff, - -						2					2	65
Ship carpenter, - -		2		2		2	8	2		1	17	65
Soap-boiler, - -				1		2					3	58
Speculator, - -				1							1	45
Stone-cutter, - -			1	3	1						5	45
Student, - -	2	4	1								7	24
Superintendent of Factory, - -					2						2	55
Surveyor, - -								1			1	85
Tallow Chandler, - -								1			1	85
Tailor, - -		3	2	2		1		2			10	47
Tanner, - -		2	1			2	2	1		1	9	57
Teacher, - -	1	5	6	1	1	1	1				16	37

TABLE III.—CONTINUED.

OCCUPATION.	Under 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	100 to 110	Not sta- ted.	Total.	Approximate average of longevity.
Teamster, - -	.	3	3	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	8	41
Tin-worker, -	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	21
Trader, - -	.	3	4	4	3	5	14	2	.	.	.	35	60
Turner, - -	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	45
Victualler, -	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.	3	68
Weaver, - -	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	2	60
Wheelwright,	.	2	.	2	2	1	4	.	.	.	.	11	56
Whip-maker, -	2	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	24
Wool-stapler, -	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	45
Yeoman, - -	7	37	38	71	78	111	167	147	41	1	7	705	66
	47	262	213	219	202	256	322	213	46	1	19	1800	.

TABLE IV.
Exhibiting by Counties and by Ages the Number of Deaths for each month during the year.

SUFFOLK COUNTY.

Months.	Sex.			Total.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2	2 to 4	5 to 10	10 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	Over 100.	Not stated.	Total.
	Not stated.	Male.	Fem.																	
May, -	6	126	96	228	37	17	41	16	20	26	21	14	11	8	13	4	.	.	.	228
June, -	18	83	79	180	49	18	25	15	5	18	16	7	6	12	5	4	.	.	.	180
July, -	22	109	81	212	75	20	27	11	10	16	21	14	3	6	5	3	1	.	.	212
August, -	22	122	106	250	93	26	18	6	10	31	20	17	10	7	6	2	2	.	2	250
September, -	24	117	99	240	87	26	23	9	8	24	15	17	10	8	5	6	1	.	1	240
October, -	15	74	94	183	45	20	20	11	8	28	16	10	10	4	9	.	1	.	1	183
November, -	13	92	92	187	43	16	23	8	8	30	27	11	7	6	3	4	.	.	1	187
December, -	17	90	87	194	46	17	18	9	5	25	23	20	10	5	8	6	1	.	1	194
January, -	12	70	83	165	51	15	18	9	5	14	16	17	7	5	6	1	.	1	.	165
February, -	17	66	76	159	46	14	13	9	12	16	16	7	9	5	8	3	1	.	.	159
March, -	13	60	98	171	41	16	18	6	5	23	17	15	12	6	7	3	2	.	.	171
April, -	22	78	69	169	57	15	9	8	7	20	20	9	5	7	6	5	.	.	1	169
Not stated, -	5	.	.	5	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	5
Total, -	206	1087	1050	2343	674	220	263	117	103	271	228	158	100	78	81	41	10	1	7	2343

TABLE IV—CONTINUED. ESSEX COUNTY.

MONTH.	SEX.			Total.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Not stated.	Total.
	Not stated.	Male.	Fem.																
May, -	2	71	59	132	15	11	16	10	10	10	8	6	8	12	13	7	1	5	132
June, -	1	48	83	132	17	11	12	8	13	10	12	4	3	8	14	10	.	10	132
July, -	8	41	65	114	23	5	14	11	6	12	9	3	8	4	4	5	4	6	114
August, -	1	51	78	130	27	15	12	5	7	8	10	5	7	6	6	5	2	15	130
September, -	7	85	90	182	35	22	14	10	7	15	13	10	6	9	16	9	2	14	182
October, -	3	53	64	120	14	9	10	7	5	12	6	8	8	7	9	10	3	12	120
November, -	4	53	44	101	10	3	8	5	5	13	7	10	6	10	10	4	6	4	101
December, -	1	46	65	112	9	3	5	3	10	10	11	8	9	11	15	6	1	11	112
January, -	.	42	58	100	15	6	6	2	7	14	3	8	6	6	10	8	2	7	100
February, -	.	41	47	88	5	5	9	2	6	8	5	2	9	6	8	10	3	10	88
March, -	.	55	54	109	15	3	4	4	2	14	17	7	8	7	10	9	1	8	109
April, -	4	45	35	84	13	1	3	3	7	6	6	7	5	9	10	9	1	4	84
Not stated, -	1	9	7	17	4	1	1	2	.	1	.	1	2	5	.	.	.	.	17
Total, -	32	640	749	1421	202	95	114	72	85	133	107	79	85	100	125	92	26	106	1421

TABLE IV—CONTINUED. MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

MONTH.	SEX.			Total.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 10	10 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	Over 100.	Not stated.	Total.
	Not stated.	Male.	Female.																	
May, - - -	3	72	90	165	12	11	17	12	14	21	18	14	6	10	15	9	2	4		165
June, - - -	3	49	56	108	10	9	9	15	7	8	8	7	6	10	6	4	1	1		108
July, - - -	5	60	58	123	30	11	8	12	7	9	13	4	5	7	6	2	1			123
August, - - -	2	92	95	189	43	30	19	13	14	21	9	6	4	6	11	10	1			189
September, - - -	4	74	89	167	29	29	13	7	10	16	6	13	8	9	12	9	2			167
October, - - -	2	67	80	149	20	14	9	8	6	28	9	12	13	9	7	5	2			149
November, - - -	3	63	48	114	8	3	11	9	9	19	12	9	6	5	10	7	1			114
December, - - -	3	38	45	86	7	3	8	4	4	12	13	11	3	6	10	3	1			86
January, - - -	2	46	56	104	16	5	9	4	3	17	14	6	10	3	9	7				104
February, - - -	3	52	80	135	24	6	10	4	7	16	18	9	12	8	10	7	1			135
March, - - -	2	54	62	118	13	5	7	7	6	17	13	11	3	11	8	10	1			118
April, - - -	2	57	74	133	15	8	6	10	8	23	12	8	9	8	13	7				133
Not stated, - - -	2	4	1	7								2	1		1					7
Total, - - -	36	726	834	1598	227	134	126	105	95	207	145	112	86	92	118	80	13	1	57	1598

TABLE IV—CONTINUED. WORCESTER COUNTY.

Months.	Sex.			Total.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2	2 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	Not stated.	Total.
	Not stated.	Male.	Fem.																
May, - - -	-	56	52	108	13	6	9	3	7	11	3	13	14	9	10	6	1	3	108
June, - - -	-	1	62	53	12	8	13	7	8	16	13	8	6	6	11	5	-	3	116
July, - - -	-	2	56	59	8	7	13	8	4	17	13	4	11	11	9	10	-	2	117
August, - - -	-	5	48	72	13	12	18	10	7	13	8	7	6	6	12	6	1	6	125
September, - - -	-	1	72	66	8	9	9	8	6	9	15	10	7	18	18	14	3	5	139
October, - - -	-	2	53	53	8	4	11	3	6	13	15	3	6	3	15	11	2	8	108
November, - - -	-	3	52	57	12	4	5	5	8	13	12	9	8	12	13	6	1	4	112
December, - - -	-	1	45	46	15	3	3	4	8	11	8	4	6	9	10	7	1	3	92
January, - - -	-	1	46	62	8	7	10	4	9	10	7	8	3	7	20	11	2	3	109
February, - - -	-	1	31	73	14	7	8	10	11	8	6	5	5	9	15	6	1	-	105
March, - - -	-	1	61	57	12	2	8	5	9	17	7	5	15	9	15	11	2	2	119
April, - - -	-	-	64	53	12	5	10	2	8	7	14	12	6	16	10	14	-	1	117
Not stated, - - -	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Total, - - -	20	646	703	1369	135	74	117	69	91	145	121	88	93	115	158	108	14	41	1369

TABLE IV—CONTINUED. HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.

Months.	Sex.			Total.	Under 1 year.										90 to 100.										Not sta- ted.	Total.
	Not stated.	Male.	Fem.		1 to 2.	2 to 3.	3 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.											
May, -	1	23	29	53	2	3	3	4	8	2	4	6	4	5	7	.	2	53								
June, -	2	10	16	28	2	2	3	2	7	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	28								
July, -	3	13	17	33	.	3	2	1	3	4	2	2	2	5	3	.	2	33								
August, -	2	20	16	38	4	2	6	1	3	5	3	2	2	.	3	2	2	38								
September, -	5	16	16	37	5	4	6	3	1	4	1	1	1	2	3	1	4	37								
October, -	1	23	20	44	6	1	7	4	6	6	5	4	.	.	2	3	.	44								
November, -	6	10	18	34	.	5	7	2	1	3	1	1	2	3	3	1	4	34								
December, -	3	22	25	50	5	1	1	3	2	8	3	5	6	5	2	1	3	50								
January, -	.	15	21	36	5	1	5	1	2	1	3	.	4	5	2	2	.	36								
February, -	2	16	12	30	7	1	7	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	.	30								
March, -	.	23	23	46	4	2	8	1	3	2	2	4	3	6	5	1	2	46								
April, -	2	21	24	47	9	3	4	4	5	2	3	1	3	5	2	.	6	47								
Not stated, -	42	.	.	42	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	42	42
Total, -	69	212	237	518	49	28	59	24	26	55	36	29	30	39	34	13	69	518								

TABLE IV—CONTINUED. HAMPDEN COUNTY.

MONTHS.	SEX.			Total	Under 1 year.	1 to 2	2 to 5	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Over 100.	Not sta- ted.	Total.
	Not stated.	Male.	Fem.																	
May, -	1	18	24	43	3	2	3	5	4	7	4	2	3	2	5	2	.	.	1	43
June, -	5	17	13	35	7	4	1	4	2	1	3	2	2	1	5	1	.	.	2	35
July, -	2	6	13	21	2	1	2	1	3	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	.	.	21
August, -	1	9	19	29	3	1	4	.	2	3	5	1	1	2	3	1	.	.	3	29
September, -	3	16	10	29	7	1	1	3	1	1	1	.	.	2	5	1	1	1	5	29
October, -	2	12	16	30	5	1	1	1	3	3	4	2	2	3	3	2	.	.	.	30
November, -	2	12	13	27	2	3	.	.	3	.	2	2	2	4	4	.	1	.	4	27
December, -	4	14	19	37	3	1	3	1	3	4	1	2	1	3	6	1	.	.	8	37
January, -	2	4	10	16	2	.	2	1	1	2	1	.	2	2	1	.	.	.	2	16
February, -	.	12	9	21	4	1	2	2	2	1	4	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	1	21
March, -	.	17	20	37	4	1	2	2	3	5	1	4	3	2	5	2	.	.	8	37
April, -	1	15	9	25	2	.	1	1	1	2	3	1	2	3	7	1	1	.	.	25
Not stated, -	3	3	1	7	2	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	2	.	.	.	7
Total, -	26	155	176	357	46	16	23	21	29	31	30	19	20	27	47	15	3	1	29	357

TABLE IV—CONTINUED. FRANKLIN COUNTY.

MONTHS.	SEX.			Total.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Not stated.	Total.
	Not stated.	Male.	Fem.																
May,	1	15	14	30	2	•	2	•	3	2	5	3	2	3	3	4	1	•	30
June,	•	13	10	23	4	1	•	2	2	2	1	•	2	1	3	3	•	2	23
July,	3	9	10	22	2	1	4	3	1	3	2	•	2	•	3	1	•	•	22
August,	4	11	13	28	5	8	2	3	1	3	1	2	•	3	•	•	•	•	28
September,	3	16	11	30	5	5	2	1	3	4	•	1	3	2	3	•	•	1	30
October,	1	13	16	30	2	1	1	•	•	7	1	5	2	4	5	1	•	1	30
November,	•	8	19	27	1	4	1	•	2	4	3	1	2	2	1	5	1	•	27
December,	1	9	14	24	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	4	2	3	2	•	1	24
January,	2	12	10	24	2	1	4	3	3	1	1	1	2	2	1	3	•	•	24
February,	3	17	15	35	4	5	4	2	6	2	•	1	1	2	4	2	1	1	35
March,	1	7	7	15	1	2	2	2	2	1	•	1	2	1	1	•	•	•	15
April,	1	17	15	33	3	•	3	4	3	3	5	3	1	3	2	2	1	•	33
Not stated,	27	4	6	37	4	•	•	•	•	1	•	•	•	1	1	•	•	30	37
Total,	47	151	160	358	37	30	26	21	27	35	21	19	23	26	30	23	4	36	358

TABLE IV—CONTINUED. BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

Months.	Sex.			Total.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2.	2 to 3.	3 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Over 100.	Not stated.	Total.
	Not stated.	Male.	Fem.																	
May, - - -	1	15	17	33	1	3	8	3	3	3	1	1	2	2	7	2	1	.	1	33
June, - - -	2	18	20	40	7	5	6	1	3	3	3	2	1	2	3	3	.	1	.	40
July, - - -	2	11	17	30	4	2	1	.	4	3	4	4	2	2	2	1	.	.	1	30
August, - - -	2	16	24	42	11	5	3	5	4	2	2	2	3	.	1	2	1	1	1	42
September, - - -	4	15	12	31	4	5	2	4	4	1	2	.	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	31
October, - - -	3	20	12	35	4	4	1	1	4	5	1	.	2	3	4	3	2	.	1	35
November, - - -	1	12	15	28	2	1	2	.	1	4	6	4	1	.	3	3	1	.	.	28
December, - - -	2	8	20	30	3	.	1	3	2	9	3	2	3	1	1	1	1	.	.	30
January, - - -	1	12	13	26	2	.	2	2	1	4	3	2	.	1	4	3	2	.	.	26
February, - - -	2	13	11	26	8	.	4	1	1	2	3	.	.	.	3	1	1	2	2	26
March, - - -	1	11	22	34	3	2	.	2	2	4	3	3	3	2	3	5	.	.	2	34
April, - - -	4	9	12	25	3	2	2	.	3	5	1	.	4	1	2	2	.	.	.	25
Not stated, - - -	4	3	.	7	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	7
Total, - - -	29	163	195	387	57	29	27	22	32	45	32	20	24	16	36	27	10	1	9	387

TABLE IV—CONTINUED. NORFOLK COUNTY.

MONTHS.	SEX.			Total.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2	2 to 5	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Over 100.	Not stated.	Total.
	Not stated.	Male.	Fem.																	
May, - - -	7	33	39	79	10	3	12	10	7	9	5	3	3	7	2	1	1	1	6	79
June, - - -	4	36	23	63	9	2	5	4	5	3	6	8	4	5	3	4	1	1	4	63
July, - - -	3	26	26	55	8	2	14	4	.	4	3	2	.	4	5	4	2	.	3	55
August, - -	7	31	34	72	20	5	9	2	3	5	5	4	2	7	4	.	2	1	3	72
September, -	7	30	34	71	14	14	10	4	.	4	1	5	2	3	7	2	1	1	4	71
October, - -	7	25	30	62	12	4	5	6	1	3	3	6	4	4	4	5	1	1	4	62
November, -	2	21	19	42	8	2	1	2	1	8	3	3	1	5	1	4	.	.	3	42
December, -	.	11	25	36	3	.	2	4	.	3	1	4	1	3	6	4	1	1	4	36
January, - -	.	14	28	42	4	1	3	3	1	3	4	3	4	4	3	7	1	1	1	42
February, -	1	34	27	62	8	4	5	.	3	5	3	5	3	8	10	4	1	1	3	62
March, - - -	1	27	27	55	6	.	6	1	4	6	5	4	4	2	6	3	2	.	6	55
April, - - -	.	18	25	43	2	1	4	2	1	3	4	3	.	6	10	5	1	1	1	43
Not stated, -	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total, - - -	39	306	337	633	104	38	76	42	26	56	43	50	28	58	61	43	14	1	42	633

TABLE IV.—CONTINUED. BRISTOL COUNTY.

Months.	Sex.		Total.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2	2 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	Not stated.	Total.
	Not stated.	Male.	Fem.															
May, - - -	1	8	10	19	2	1	.	2	2	3	2	1	3	2	.	1	.	19
June, - - -	.	7	11	18	3	2	1	1	1	4	2	1	1	1	1	.	.	18
July, - - -	1	19	8	28	1	1	.	2	4	3	2	3	3	3	2	.	3	28
August, - - -	1	26	28	55	15	11	5	4	7	2	2	1	1	.	3	1	2	55
September, - - -	2	20	24	46	7	10	4	1	3	5	2	3	3	3	2	.	1	46
October, - - -	3	14	19	36	3	.	2	4	3	2	1	6	4	4	.	2	3	36
November, - - -	.	6	17	23	.	1	1	3	4	.	2	2	2	1	2	.	3	23
December, - - -	.	8	16	24	4	.	2	1	4	2	.	2	3	2	1	.	1	24
January, - - -	1	5	9	15	2	.	1	1	5	2	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	15
February, - - -	1	8	13	22	2	1	1	1	2	3	1	2	2	2	3	.	.	22
March, - - -	.	17	11	28	2	2	1	.	2	1	3	2	6	3	3	1	1	28
April, - - -	.	7	16	23	4	2	2	.	2	2	1	3	2	.	4	1	.	23
Not stated, - - -	23	.	.	23	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	23	23
Total, - - -	33	145	182	360	45	31	20	15	36	29	18	26	30	23	22	6	37	360

TABLE IV—CONTINUED. PLYMOUTH COUNTY.

Months.	Sex.			Total.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Over 100.	Not stated.	Total.
	Not stated.	Male.	Fem.																	
May, - - -	2	16	39	57	10	3	2	1	2	7	8	2	4	4	4	6	2	2	2	57
June, - - -	3	25	36	64	6	4	4	2	3	10	2	7	4	5	3	6	1	7	7	64
July, - - -	7	21	28	56	6	2	4	3	1	6	6	2	4	7	7	4	1	2	2	56
August, - - -	4	23	31	58	7	5	8	1	2	6	3	4	4	4	8	1	1	8	8	58
September, - - -	5	32	39	76	15	6	6	4	6	8	2	4	6	5	2	5	1	6	6	76
October, - - -	2	36	27	65	9	4	3	1	2	11	3	3	2	5	14	5	3	3	3	65
November, - - -	1	24	36	61	4	3	6	1	5	8	3	5	2	5	6	7	2	4	4	61
December, - - -	1	20	24	45	5	2	2	1	2	10	8	4	1	2	6	2	2	2	2	45
January, - - -	2	15	29	46	1	2	2	1	2	2	5	5	8	8	6	1	1	4	4	46
February, - - -	1	13	19	33	1	2	1	1	3	1	2	2	4	6	3	7	1	3	3	33
March, - - -	1	12	24	37	3	1	2	1	3	3	6	2	8	5	3	3	1	2	2	37
April, - - -	1	19	26	45	3	3	1	2	4	5	3	4	3	5	7	4	1	1	1	45
Not stated, - - -	29	256	358	643	69	35	41	18	32	79	50	44	41	61	69	51	10	1	42	643
Total, - - -	29	256	358	643	69	35	41	18	32	79	50	44	41	61	69	51	10	1	42	643

TABLE IV—CONTINUED. BARNSTABLE COUNTY.

MONTHS.	SEX.		Total.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2.	2 to 3.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Over 100.	Not stated.	Total.
	Not stated.	Male.	Fem.																
May, -	1	7	12	3	1	.	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	.	.	3	20
June, -	.	11	11	3	2	1	2	.	3	.	1	2	2	1	2	.	.	3	22
July, -	3	15	17	7	5	2	4	3	3	3	1	1	.	4	1	1	.	.	35
August, -	1	24	21	8	6	2	2	3	7	1	3	.	6	5	2	.	.	1	46
September, -	7	20	26	10	5	7	1	4	4	4	3	3	1	3	1	1	.	6	53
October, -	1	13	11	4	.	1	1	4	3	3	1	2	1	3	.	.	.	2	25
November, -	8	12	18	7	4	.	1	2	4	4	1	3	2	4	2	.	1	3	38
December, -	3	15	11	3	.	.	2	2	3	3	2	4	1	4	1	2	.	2	29
January, -	.	8	16	3	.	1	.	1	3	2	5	1	3	3	1	.	.	1	24
February, -	2	17	14	5	.	1	1	.	3	4	5	2	2	3	3	1	.	3	33
March, -	3	14	14	2	1	4	.	1	1	3	1	2	5	3	4	1	.	3	31
April, -	6	13	22	4	1	4	3	3	3	2	3	3	7	1	3	.	.	4	41
Not stated, -	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total, -	35	169	183	59	25	23	19	25	39	30	27	24	32	35	21	6	1	31	397

TABLE IV—CONTINUED. DUKES COUNTY AND NANTUCKET.

MONTHS.	SEX.			Total.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2	2 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	Not stated.	Total.
	Not stated.	Male.	Fem.																
May, - - -	.	8	6	14	4	3	.	.	.	2	1	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	14
June, - - -	.	6	8	14	6	.	.	.	.	3	1	.	.	2	2	.	.	.	14
July, - - -	.	13	7	20	9	.	4	.	.	1	1	2	1	1	1	.	.	.	20
August, - - -	1	11	20	32	7	2	4	1	1	1	2	1	.	3	6	2	1	1	33
September, - - -	.	19	21	40	11	4	4	2	.	4	2	3	2	2	4	1	.	1	40
October, - - -	.	8	14	22	4	3	.	.	3	3	2	.	3	.	1	1	.	2	23
November, - - -	.	3	17	20	3	.	2	1	2	1	.	1	1	1	3	2	1	2	20
December, - - -	.	3	7	10	3	1	.	.	.	2	.	.	1	1	1	1	.	.	10
January, - - -	.	14	7	21	4	.	5	5	.	1	1	1	.	1	.	3	.	.	21
February, - - -	.	6	12	18	1	3	2	3	.	2	.	.	.	3	3	1	.	.	18
March, - - -	.	9	7	16	3	1	3	3	.	.	2	1	.	.	1	1	.	1	16
April, - - -	.	9	10	19	2	1	2	3	.	1	1	2	.	1	2	3	1	.	19
Not stated, - - -	.	4	1	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	1	5
Total, - - -	1	113	137	251	58	18	27	18	6	21	13	13	9	16	26	15	3	8	251

RECAPITULATION.

Months.	Sex.			Total.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 6	6 to 7	7 to 8	8 to 9	9 to 10	10 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	Over 100	Not sta- ted.	Total.	
	Not stated.	Male.	Fem.																								
May, - - -	26	468	487	981	114	64	108	65	78	110	80	67	62	66	81	49	10	27	981								
June, - - -	39	385	419	843	135	68	79	61	51	85	71	49	39	57	58	44	4	40	843								
July, - - -	61	399	406	866	175	60	96	58	44	84	81	43	43	49	56	38	11	27	866								
August, - -	53	484	557	1094	256	128	110	53	58	112	71	57	36	53	62	37	14	46	1094								
September, -	72	532	537	1141	237	140	101	57	53	96	67	69	53	64	83	54	13	53	1141								
October, - -	42	411	456	909	136	65	71	41	50	125	71	56	64	47	78	45	16	44	909								
November, -	43	368	403	814	100	49	67	37	49	111	80	59	42	56	62	49	15	37	814								
December, -	36	329	404	769	108	31	46	36	43	101	78	63	50	53	77	37	11	35	769								
January, - -	23	303	402	728	114	38	68	40	35	78	60	59	43	46	70	48	9	19	728								
February, -	33	326	408	767	129	49	67	36	52	69	65	41	50	52	72	48	11	26	767								
March, - - -	23	367	426	816	109	38	65	35	40	95	77	61	60	59	71	59	11	36	816								
April, - - -	42	372	390	804	129	42	51	42	45	85	75	56	42	71	75	61	6	24	804								
Not stated, -	109	27	16	152	20	1	3	2	1	2	.	3	4	9	3	3	1	100	152								
Total, - -	602	4771	5311	10,684	1762	773	932	563	599	1153	876	683	588	682	848	572	132	7	514	10684							

TABLE V.—(PREPARED BY A. A. GOULD, M. D.)

DISEASES

Noeologically arranged by Counties.

DISEASES OF THE BRAIN AND NERVOUS SYSTEM.	SUFFOLK.	ESSEX.	MIDDLESEX.	WORCESTER.	HAMPSHIRE.	HAMPDEN.	BESKSHIRE.	FRANKLIN.	NORFOLK.	BRISTOL.	PLYMOUTH.	BARNSTABLE.	NANTUCKET AND Dukes.	TOTALS.
Disease of the Brain,	26	1	4	4	5	2	1	6	4	8	5	7	4	45
Inflammation of Brain,	26	20	11	19	10	3	5	3	7	3	2	1	4	119
Dropsy in the Head,	72	34	36	24	4	4	1	6	7	4	7	6	.	201
Apoplexy,	16	16	23	19	4	4	6	6	1	1	1	1	.	117
Epilepsy,	2	.	3	4	1	.	.	1	1	1	1	2	.	14
Lethargy,	.	.	1	.	1	3	4	7	4	1	8	10	6	3
Palsy,	21	42	15	33	1	1	4	1	2	1	1	3	.	155
Insanity,	4	1	3	3	3	1	8	1	2	2	7	5	6	22
Fits,	45	28	35	31	12	11	1	4	8	.	.	.	.	202
Tetanus, (Lockjaw),	.	.	.	2	1	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	2
Neuralgia, (Nerve-ache),	1	1	1	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	7
Nervous Affection,	.	2	2	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	2
Spinal Disease,	6	2	2	1	.	.	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	16
Spina Bifida,	.	1	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Totals,	219	148	135	143	37	25	29	30	33	20	37	34	20	910

TABLE V.—CONTINUED. DISEASES.

DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY ORGANS.	SUFFOLK.	ESSEX.	MIDDLESEX.	WORCESTER.	HAMPSHIRE.	HAMPDEN.	BERKSHIRE.	FRANKLIN.	NORFOLK.	BRISTOL.	PLYMOUTH.	BARNSTABLE.	NANTUCKET AND Dukes.	TOTALS.
Asthma,	2	2	1	1	.	.	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	9
Asphyxia,	.	.	1	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	5
Quinsy,	3	1	1	.	.	1	2	2	9	3	3	3	3	8
Croup,	58	45	17	15	6	2	2	.	.	3	3	3	.	168
Bronchitis,	5	5	3	5	1	16	17	12	20	9	22	9	4	21
Inflammation of Lungs,	145	67	37	103	22	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	493
Inflammation of Larynx,	4	.	.	2	3	3	1	3	5	.	3	4	3	6
Pleurisy,	14	3	5	1	3	3	1	3	.	.	6	2	.	48
Dropsy of Chest,	8	5	3	6	1	.	.	4	1	.	128	78	43	36
Consumption,	313	308	295	271	106	74	59	70	126	49	128	78	43	1920
Totals,	552	438	363	406	139	96	80	91	162	63	164	107	53	2714

TABLE V—CONTINUED. DISEASES.

DISEASES OF THE URE- NARY AND GENITAL ORGANS.	SUFFOLK.	ESSEX.	MIDDLESEX.	WORCESTER.	HAMPSHIRE.	HAMPDEN.	BERKSHIRE.	FRANKLIN.	NORFOLK.	BRISTOL.	PLYMOUTH.	BARNSTABLE.	NANTUCKET & DUKES.	TOTALS.
Disease of Kidneys,	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	7
Disease of Bladder,	1	1	2	3	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	6
Diabetes,	4	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	15
Gravel, -	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15
Strangury,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15
Chlorosis,	39	5	10	5	2	2	4	2	6	9	2	4	1	91
Childbed,	1	5	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Uterine Disease,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Totals,	44	11	17	13	6	6	7	6	8	9	3	7	4	141

TABLE V—CONTINUED. DISEASES.

Organs or Distortion.	Suffolk.	Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hamden.	Berkshire.	Franklin.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.	Nantucket and Dukes.	Totals.
Inflammation of Bowels,	66	37	35	24	14	1	5	2	13	1	10	7	2	117
“ of Throat,	2		1									1		4
“ of Stomach,	4	3	3	3	2			2		1	1	1		20
“ of Liver,	2	1	1	1										5
“ of Peritone- um,	4	2	3	4	1	3	2	2	2	2		2		18
Bowel Complaint,	23	12	60	27	5	2	2	2	2	1	12	3		132
Liver Complaint,	18	2	5	8	2		1	1	2	3	3	3		47
Colic, -	2	2	4	10	1				1	3	2		1	26
Cramp in Stomach,	6		3						1	3	2	1		27
Stoppage, -	7		2	6					3	1	3	2		15
Hernia, -		1	3	3		1	2	1	4	3	3	2	3	79
Teething, -	54	1	5	2	1	1	1	2		1	1	2		53
Canker, -	23	12	3	4	1			1		1	2	2		10
Worms, -		3	2	2	1			1			5	1		18
Jaundice, -	5	3		3	1		1			1				2
Hemorrhoids, (Piles,) -	2		1		1			3						6
Dyspepsy, -	2	4	3	3										16
Totals, -	219	80	134	100	30	8	13	15	26	17	41	23	12	718

TABLE V—CONTINUED. DISEASES.

Organs of Circulation.	Suffolk.	Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Berkshire.	Franklin.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.	Nantucket and Dukes.	Totals.
Anemia,			1	1										2
Aneurism,	1		1											1
Angina pectoris,		5	1											1
Disease of Heart,	37	18	16	20	7		4	3	8	2	7	5	2	129
Dropsy of Heart,	2		3	9			2		1					17
Inflammation of Pericardium,			1											1
Inflammation of Veins,	1													1
Hemorrhage,	10	4	8	6	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	36
Totals,	51	27	30	36	8	1	6	4	10	3	9	6	3	194

TABLE V—CONTINUED. DISEASES.

ENDEMIC, EPIDEMIC AND CONTAGIOUS.	SUFFOLK.	ESSEX.	MIDDLESEX.	WORCESTER.	HAMPSHIRE.	HAMPDEN.	BENKSHIRE.	FRANKLIN.	NOFOLK.	BRISTOL.	PLYMOUTH.	BARNSTABLE.	NANTUCKET AND DUXES.	TOTALS.
Chicken Pox,	2	3	2	•	•	1	2	•	2	•	1	1	•	2
Small Pox,	68	86	88	63	71	19	36	36	57	4	40	35	24	80
Scarlatina,	173	1	6	11	1	9	5	1	4	1	2	6	1	55
Measles,	25	18	10	4	1	2	•	1	2	•	8	1	2	77
Whooping Cough,	16	3	10	3	•	•	•	1	•	•	3	1	•	39
Diarrhoea,	14	44	37	52	10	8	7	22	29	27	3	13	23	294
Dysentery,	20	14	4	•	1	•	1	3	1	•	1	1	2	37
Cholera Morbus,	9	13	39	20	•	•	1	1	5	1	10	2	•	129
Cholera Infantum,	37	1	2	2	•	1	1	1	•	•	1	•	•	10
Influenza,	2	39	63	32	31	13	9	1	22	5	17	9	7	264
Fever,	8	12	9	13	•	1	2	9	7	1	6	1	2	58
" Puerperal,	3	3	9	6	7	1	•	1	1	1	2	5	7	48
" Bilious,	10	3	1	•	•	1	•	4	1	1	2	8	7	317
" Typhus,	58	32	77	47	21	8	14	15	13	8	14	8	2	1
Antopy,	•	•	13	1	•	2	3	7	20	9	22	5	•	163
Erysipelas,	35	32	•	12	3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	1
Fever and Ague,	1	1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	1
Veneral Disease,	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Totals,	481	302	361	266	146	65	80	101	163	57	130	86	70	2308

TABLE V—CONTINUED. DISEASES.

DISEASES OF UNCERTAIN SEAT.	SUFFOLK.	ESSEX.	MIDDLESEX.	WORCESTER.	HAMPSHIRE.	HAMPTON.	BREKSHIRE.	FRANKLIN.	NORFOLK.	BRISTOL.	PLYMOUTH.	BARNSTABLE.	NANTUCKET AND DUKES.	TOTALS.
Inflammation,	3	1	3	4	5	2	1	1	.	2	1	1	.	24
Abscess,	3	2	3	.	6	9	9	10	11	4	10	3	4	12
Dropsy,	48	51	28	24	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	218
Debility,	30	4	9	3	1	.	2	1	3	1	4	3	11	50
Marasmus,	61	4	6	7	3	.	2	1	7	2	8	5	3	106
Cancer,	16	22	10	12	7	1	4	2	.	2	.	.	.	99
Purpura,	.	1	2	1	1	.	.	.	.	2	.	1	.	6
Rash,	1	2	1	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	5
Ulcer,	9	1	1	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	17
Mortification,	7	6	6	11	.	.	3	2	.	.	5	1	.	40
Rheumatism,	2	2	4	2	1	1	3	1	1	2	1	2	.	22
Scrofula,	17	9	2	8	2	.	2	1	4	.	1	1	1	48
Hip Disease,	1	1	1	2	2	.	.	1	.	1	3	2	1	5
Tumor,	14	1	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	27
Malformation,	.	1	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	5
Malpractice,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1
Casualty,	17	9	24	20	2	6	6	3	7	6	3	3	2	108
Fracture,	2	.	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	6
Violence,	.	.	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Murder,	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	3
Drowned,	27	15	11	6	3	2	3	1	6	.	2	11	4	91
Burns and Scalds,	10	1	7	9	1	1	3	1	2	.	2	1	.	38
Frozen,	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Poisoned,	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2

TABLE V—CONTINUED. DISEASES.

DISEASES OF UNCERTAIN SEAT—Continued.	SUFFOLK.	ESSEX.	MIDDLESEX.	WORCESTER.	HAMPSHIRE.	HAMPDEN.	BERKSHIRE.	FRANKLIN.	NORFOLK.	BRISTOL.	PLYMOUTH.	BARNSTABLE.	NANTUCKET AND Dukes.	TOTALS.
Suicide, - - -	5	7	5	8	1	.	2	1	1	.	3	.	.	33
Drinking Cold Water, -	3	.	55	51	22	28	30	14	62	25	37	47	13	3
Infantile, - - -	160	24	19	.	.	1	2	4	1	2	.	.	7	568
Stillborn, - - -	188	2	19	5	.	1	3	1	4	2	6	.	1	226
Sudden, - - -	9	4	4	5	.	.	4	1	4	1	2	.	1	37
Intemperance, - - -	30	2	19	9	2	3	4	1	2	1	2	.	2	77
Old Age, - - -	65	100	110	97	36	23	39	23	48	12	47	21	17	638
Unknown, - - -	49	143	223	120	55	79	54	42	120	130	118	31	17	1181
Totals, - - -	777	415	558	405	152	156	172	111	280	184	259	134	89	3699
Brain and Nerves, -	219	148	135	143	37	25	29	30	33	20	37	34	20	910
Respiratory Organs, -	552	438	363	406	139	96	80	91	162	63	164	107	53	2714
Urinary and Genital Organs, - - -	44	11	17	13	6	6	7	6	8	9	3	7	4	141
Digestive Organs, -	219	80	134	100	30	8	13	15	26	17	41	23	12	718
Organs of Circulation, -	51	27	30	36	8	1	6	4	10	3	9	6	3	194
Endemic, Epidemic and Contagious, - - -	481	302	361	266	146	65	80	101	163	57	130	86	70	2308
Grand Total, -	2343	1421	1596	1369	518	357	387	358	682	360	643	397	251	10,674

TABLE VI.—(PREPARED BY A. A. GOULD, M. D.)

NOSOLOGICAL TABLE OF DISEASES: Showing in what month and at what age they proved fatal.

DISEASE.	Month.												Totals.	Under 1.	1 to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Over 100.	Not stated.	Totals.
	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.																	
Disease of the Brain, -	1	2	2	5	5	4	5	2	5	5	5	4	45	9	2	8	6	4	4	4	4	1	4	1	2	.	.	.	45
Inflammation of the Brain, -	13	12	10	16	13	2	2	10	5	14	10	10	2	18	8	12	14	19	16	13	10	3	3	1	.	.	.	2	119
Dropsy in the Head, -	19	16	13	34	10	20	15	8	20	13	12	21	2	46	50	56	29	9	4	3	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	2	201
Apoplexy, -	13	7	8	9	12	10	13	16	5	6	7	9	2	.	.	.	.	1	9	4	15	23	21	29	13	.	.	2	117
Epilepsy, -	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	1	2	.	1	5	2	3	.	.	.	.	14
Lethargy, -	1	.	1	1	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Palsy, -	9	10	5	18	17	16	15	17	16	8	7	16	1	.	2	.	.	1	4	8	9	20	38	48	16	4	.	5	155
Insanity, -	3	3	.	4	3	1	2	1	4	1	.	.	3	87	29	34	8	3	13	3	6	2	8	4	1	.	.	1	22
Fits, -	14	21	23	27	13	14	9	15	13	12	20	18	3	202	.	.	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	.	.	1	202
Tetanus, -	1	1	.	1	1	1	1	.	1	.	.	2	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Neuralgia, -	1	1	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	7	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	7	7
Nervous Affection, -	1	1	.	2	2	1	1	3	.	.	1	3	.	2	.	3	2	3	3	.	2	.	1	.	.	.	.	2	2
Spinal Disease, -	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Spina Bifida, -	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Totals, -	77	73	65	114	78	70	67	76	69	60	66	85	10	167	92	113	60	43	59	36	53	61	79	95	83	5	.	14	910

TABLE VI—CONTINUED. DISEASES.

RESPIRATORY ORGANS.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Totals.	Under 1.	1 to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Over 100.	Not stated.	Totals.
Asthma, -	1	2	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	9	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	2	1	1	1	1	9
Asphyxia, -	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5
Quinsy, -	2	10	6	7	9	14	17	20	20	21	12	9	168	35	29	74	24	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	168
Croup, -	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	4	4	21	5	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	21	
Bronchitis, -	50	34	32	28	22	26	34	44	42	51	65	62	493	87	68	45	17	22	31	31	27	37	42	49	24	1	12	493	
Infla'n of Lungs, -	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	4	6	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	
Infla'n of Larynx, -	3	3	2	2	1	2	3	7	7	4	11	6	48	1	1	1	1	5	6	9	6	8	11	2	1	1	1	48	
Pleurisy, -	4	8	2	2	1	2	2	4	1	2	4	4	36	1	1	1	2	1	3	3	5	3	5	12	1	1	1	36	
Dropsy of Chest, -	183	148	156	164	180	175	143	158	136	127	167	174	91920	35	24	23	15	165	490	364	234	162	166	135	30	7	70	1920	
Consumption, -	265	207	202	205	215	219	206	235	212	209	265	261	2714	167	124	150	59	190	529	410	279	212	230	214	59	8	83	2714	
Totals, -	8	6	12	9	13	9	21	15	5	9	18	16	141	1	1	1	2	6	49	33	11	8	8	12	5	1	7	141	
URINARY & GEN- ITAL ORGANS.																													
Disea. of Kidneys, -	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	7	
Disea. of Bladder, -	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	1	1	1	6	
Diabetes, -	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	6	3	1	1	9	
Gravel, -	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	3	1	3	1	1	15	
Strangury, -	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Chlorosis, -	6	5	6	7	7	4	15	9	4	9	12	7	91	1	1	3	43	31	31	9	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	91	
Childbed, -	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	10	
Uterine Disease, -	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Totals, -	8	6	12	9	13	9	21	15	5	9	18	16	141	1	1	1	2	6	49	33	11	8	8	12	5	1	7	141	

TABLE VI—CONTINUED. DISEASES.

Organs of Digestion.	Months.												Not stated.	Over 100.	90 to 100.	80 to 90.	70 to 80.	60 to 70.	50 to 60.	40 to 50.	30 to 40.	20 to 30.	10 to 20.	5 to 10.	2 to 5.	1 to 2.	Under 1.	Not stated.	April.	March.	February.	January.	December.	November.	October.	September.	August.	July.	June.	May.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																									
Inflammation of Bowels,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE VI—CONTINUED. DISEASES.

Organs of Circulation.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Not stated.	Under 1.	1 to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Over 100.	Not stated.	Totals.
	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Not stated.	Under 1.	1 to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Over 100.	Not stated.	Totals.
Anemia, -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Aneurism, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Angina Pectoris, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Disease of Heart, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	129
Dropsy of Heart, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Inflammation of Veins, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hemorrhage, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Totals, -	17	17	14	14	22	17	13	13	14	11	18	23	1	18	5	7	8	18	26	19	18	15	23	29	6	-	-	2	194

TABLE VI—CONTINUED. DISEASES.

ENDEMIC, EPIDEMIC AND CONTAGIOUS.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Not stated.	Under 1.	1 to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Over 100.	Not stated.	Totals.		
Chicken Pox,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	80	
Small Pox,	4	2	5	2	2	3	7	10	15	14	12	4	4	15	5	9	2	7	7	15	6	4	3	3	2	-	-	-	2	80	
Scarlatina,	99	82	77	61	56	50	56	37	46	68	50	46	4	79	90	308	163	41	9	3	3	1	3	4	2	-	-	26	732		
Measles,	14	12	6	6	3	1	1	1	5	7	1	1	1	17	12	15	6	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	55		
Whooping Cough,	3	3	5	8	14	12	4	1	7	7	6	6	1	33	22	14	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	77		
Diarrhoea,	1	1	6	10	15	3	1	3	1	-	1	1	-	15	6	2	1	1	1	3	3	-	3	2	1	1	-	1	39		
Dysentery,	5	7	30	89	115	35	6	3	1	-	2	1	-	44	67	62	25	10	4	11	5	8	10	26	11	1	-	10	294		
Cholera Morbus,	1	2	7	19	2	3	9	2	3	1	-	-	-	5	6	7	2	2	2	4	3	1	4	-	-	-	-	3	37		
Cholera Infantum,	2	5	28	44	34	11	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	86	31	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	129		
Fever,	23	21	10	18	22	29	31	23	21	25	21	19	1	10	10	15	15	29	38	29	24	23	30	18	7	-	-	16	264		
" Puerperal,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58	
" Bilious,	8	9	1	3	1	2	7	6	6	5	5	5	-	1	1	3	4	9	11	5	1	4	4	4	-	-	-	1	48		
" Typhus,	2	2	3	5	4	7	8	3	3	3	3	3	5	-	1	2	9	18	53	109	40	29	22	14	9	3	-	7	316		
Autopsy,	14	9	12	28	48	73	50	30	13	19	10	10	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	
Erysipelas,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Fever and Ague,	22	21	8	6	12	11	9	16	18	12	16	13	-	19	5	2	9	9	18	18	15	22	19	17	5	2	-	4	164		
Influenza,	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Veneral Disease,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	1	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	10	1
Totals,	198	176	198	300	332	241	187	133	137	158	129	113	6	328	260	454	249	165	235	147	95	87	90	85	34	4	-	75	2308		

TABLE VI.—CONTINUED. DISEASES.

DISEASES OF UN- CERTAIN SEAT.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Not stated.	Under 1.	1 to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Over 100.	Not stated.	Totals.		
Inflammation,	3	1	3	1	1	2	2	6	4	4	4	1	-	3	1	2	2	2	5	3	1	1	1	2	2	2	-	-	-	24	
Abscess,	1	1	2	1	1	3	2	3	1	1	1	1	3	8	8	18	12	8	18	12	18	24	32	46	8	-	-	6	-	12	
Dropsy,	22	19	13	18	20	24	23	21	17	17	6	15	3	3	3	12	8	8	18	12	18	24	32	46	8	-	-	-	-	218	
Debility,	3	7	4	7	1	6	4	2	3	3	4	5	1	9	1	1	1	5	5	1	3	4	13	12	2	1	-	-	-	50	
Marasmus,	9	9	7	12	11	10	7	7	5	12	9	6	2	23	14	18	17	4	2	3	4	4	2	6	2	1	-	-	-	106	
Cancer,	13	5	4	4	6	10	10	11	9	6	10	11	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	6	14	26	21	22	6	2	-	-	-	99	
Purpura,	2	5	2	2	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	2	1	1	9	1	1	1	1	6	-	-	-	-	6	
Rash,	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	2	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	
Ulcer,	-	1	1	3	2	1	1	2	-	1	1	3	-	2	3	4	2	1	1	1	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	
Mortification,	-	6	4	5	4	4	4	3	5	4	2	3	-	-	1	2	3	4	4	2	3	6	4	5	6	3	-	-	-	40	
Rheumatism,	2	2	1	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	1	3	2	-	1	3	3	5	3	1	1	2	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	22	
Scrofula,	1	5	5	6	7	3	2	2	4	3	4	5	1	9	6	4	7	7	2	6	1	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	48	
Hip Disease,	-	1	1	1	1	7	3	1	1	1	-	2	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	8	1	5	3	1	-	-	-	5	
Tumor,	1	2	3	1	3	3	3	1	2	4	1	3	-	2	1	-	-	1	2	3	8	1	5	3	-	-	-	-	-	27	
Malformation,	2	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	
Malpractice,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Casualty,	14	7	10	4	10	12	10	10	5	10	11	5	-	3	5	3	6	12	19	13	13	8	6	9	7	-	-	4	-	108	
Fracture,	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	6	
Violence,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	
Murder,	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	2	3	14	7	2	1	1	2	15	21	23	10	2	2	1	1	2	-	-	2	-	-	91
Drowned,	20	7	9	8	5	6	7	1	2	3	6	4	3	3	6	13	5	2	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	38	
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Suicide,	3	3	2	2	7	2	1	4	1	2	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	7	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	33
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Sudden, -	5	-	2	1	3	2	3	6	4	4	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	
Intemperance, -	8	3	11	5	6	6	10	7	4	7	5	4	1	-	-	-	-	2	3	4	7	2	5	10	2	-	-	77	
Old Age, -	57	55	47	48	58	45	49	50	52	63	64	48	2	-	-	-	-	1	5	24	21	12	7	5	-	-	2	698	
Unknown, -	138	109	99	97	118	84	83	53	82	73	81	74	90	142	18	82	87	70	85	67	58	61	91	77	47	7	-	1181	
Totals, -	375	312	307	330	366	281	275	255	255	285	280	262	116	994	71	162	156	147	192	168	181	168	212	380	422	115	7	3699	
Brain and Nerves, -	77	73	65	114	78	70	67	76	69	60	66	85	10	167	92	113	60	43	59	36	53	61	79	95	33	5	-	910	
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Grand Totals, -	981	843	866	1094	1141	909	814	769	798	767	816	804	152	1762	773	932	563	599	1153	876	683	588	682	848	572	132	7	514	10,684

LETTER FROM LEMUEL SHATTUCK, ESQ.

THE following communication from a gentleman who has devoted much time, and great skill and labor to the investigation of the whole subject of VITAL STATISTICS, will be found worthy of careful examination by those who are interested in the matter of Registration.

BOSTON, Dec. 13, 1843.

TO JOHN A. BOLLES, Esq., *Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

DEAR SIR,—I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, requesting me to communicate to you any suggestions I may deem expedient in relation to the subject of the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths. It was my intention, when a similar request was made by you last winter, to have forwarded a communication to you on the subject then, but sickness in my family prevented me from doing it. I was pleased, however, to perceive from your first annual report, that you had availed yourself of several suggestions contained in the documents I then placed in your hands.

My attention several years since was called to an examination of the early records in Massachusetts; and among others, particularly those of the births, marriages, and deaths; and in connection with them of the laws relating to those records, and the practical application of these laws, in the different periods of our history. It appears that the early settlers of New England regarded the subject of registration as one of great importance. An act was passed, as early as 1639, ordering, "that the days of every marriage, birth, and death, of every person, within the jurisdiction of Massachusetts," should be recorded. By subsequent acts passed between that time and 1657, "parents, masters, guardians, executors, and administrators," were required to deliver to the town clerk the names of such persons belonging to them, as had been born or died. Every "new-married man" was likewise required to deliver the certificate of his marriage to the town clerk to be recorded. And the town clerk was obliged to make a copy of these records, quarterly or annually, and transmit it to the clerk of the County Court, in which the town was situated, to be by him recorded. Fees were allowed each town clerk, paid by the person obtaining the record, for recording every birth, marriage, or death, and penalties were

imposed on him and others for neglecting to perform the duties the law prescribed. Similar laws were passed about the same time in Plymouth Colony. They were re-enacted under the provincial charter of 1692, and continued in force until the revolution, excepting the provision requiring returns to be made to the County Courts, which was omitted. In 1785 and 1795 the laws on the subject were revised, and acts were passed similar to the existing provisions of the Revised Statutes, which continued nominally in force, until the passage of the act of March, 1842.

In looking at the practical operation of these laws, it appears that during the existence of the first Colonial Charter, and prior to 1692, records of some form, though very imperfect and unsystematic, were made by the towns, and copies of them transmitted to the County Courts. Many of these records are still preserved, though many others are, through carelessness or negligence, worn out or lost. Such as are in existence are very valuable. During the existence of the second charter, from 1692, records were still kept by most of the towns, though returns were seldom made to the county. Since the revolution the registration of births and deaths has gradually fallen into neglect, until in many towns what few records are made are comparatively of very little value. This will appear abundantly evident from an examination of your valuable report made the last winter. The registration of marriages is also very imperfect, and in very many instances known to have been omitted altogether. The recent act, though of considerable utility, has not provided a remedy for existing defects. Ecclesiastical registration has not and cannot supply the place of civil registration; and as to private registration, that is also very much neglected.

There are several very obvious defects in the existing laws and regulations on this subject. Among others the following may be mentioned:—

1. They do not make it the special duty of some particular person designated to furnish and collect the information.
2. They do not allow sufficient compensation for the performance of duty, and do not enforce sufficient penalties for the neglect of it.
3. They do not prescribe any uniform plan or form by which the records should be made and kept, but leave it to the discretion and taste of the several town clerks.
4. They are not sufficiently explicit, and do not record a sufficient number of particulars.
5. The records are not provided with indexes, by which any name may be easily found without the laborious, and often unsuccessful examination for a fact known to be recorded, which is now required. The existing records of the towns in this respect, appear in so great a variety of ways, and are generally so ill arranged, and many of them so badly made, that they are much less useful to the public than they ought to be.

The imperfection of our records of this kind, is a subject of general complaint by those who have examined them. These records are the elements of

all enquiries relating to population and vital statistics. It is very inconsistent with the present enlightened state of public opinion, and much to be regretted, that a state so well adapted to the purpose as Massachusetts is, and feeling, as she does, so much interest in every subject relating to the condition of her citizens, and the progress of their wealth, should not have an efficient system of public registration, by which the important statistics relating to population, its social condition, to life, disease, and mortality, may be known. The statistics of pauperism, of crime, of insanity, of education, and of other subjects, are obtained at considerable labor and expense, annually, by the State, but, though exceedingly valuable in themselves, they are comparatively of less value, than those here proposed to be obtained.

In examining this subject, it appeared of sufficient importance to induce me to obtain from England the parliamentary report and laws relating to the system of Registration, which was adopted there in 1836; and also specimens of all the documents, used by the "Registrar General of Births, Marriages, and Deaths," in carrying these laws into execution. I have also a series of the annual reports made by that officer to Parliament. These documents and reports show that the subject is justly regarded in England as one of great importance, and that the system is popular among the people. I have also obtained from France, through Hon. Lewis Cass, an account of the system in operation there, which has been copied by most of the other governments on the Continent. Some account of their system, obtained from these documents, was given in your report last winter. A letter, under cover of one from Hon. Mr. Cass, from Eugene Vail, Esq., then Secretary of Legation, is forwarded to you with this.

After a careful examination of all these documents, and after considerable reflection on the subject myself, I have prepared the accompanying System of Registration, which, though full, is simple, and which I suppose might be easily carried into practice in all the towns in this Commonwealth. In introducing it to you, I beg leave to accompany it with a few additional remarks on the importance and explanatory of the system.

One of the most important subjects of investigation, and one which concerns every individual in the community, is that which relates to human life, embracing its reproduction, development, continuance and decay; and how far each is influenced by seasons, locality, disease, and other circumstances which may exist. A sufficient number of facts are, however, not as yet attainable in this country, to enable us to enter upon such investigations with a probability of arriving at satisfactory results. No public registration of much value for this purpose, is made of the elementary facts,—the births, marriages, and deaths,—and without it the efforts of private individuals can but very imperfectly accomplish the object.

A system of registration like the one proposed is intended to accomplish two great objects:—

FIRST.—*To preserve the name, and afford the means of identifying the*

connections, and some facts concerning the personal history of every person who is born, marries, or dies, in the community.

SECOND.—*To determine how health, life, and longevity, are affected by age, sex, condition and occupation ; by climate, season, and place of residence ; and by the diseases to which, under any circumstances, man may be subject.*

I. To accomplish the first object, the following particulars should be recorded : 1, concerning *births*, the name of the individual born, the date and place of birth, and the name and occupation of the parents. 2, Concerning *marriages*, the names, places of birth, residence, and occupation of the parties, and the date and place of marriage ; the names, residence, and occupation of the fathers ; and the name of the person by whom the marriage ceremony was performed, and the witnesses. And 3, concerning *deaths*, the name and age of the deceased, and the date and place of death ; the occupation, places of birth, and names of the parents.

Facts on all these points are necessary to be known in order to determine individual identity. So many individuals bear the same name, that something beside their names is necessary to make them known. The occupation and place of residence are often essential. If a record should be made that John Smith, John Brown, or a person of some other name of common occurrence, had died in Boston, could he be identified from others of the same name, without a record of his place of residence, and his occupation ? And if a death was recorded, as the son of a similar name, must not some particulars of their parents be known in order to identify him ? The propriety of such a record must be apparent to every one who may examine the subject. The names of parents have uniformly been inserted, I believe, in connection with the records of births, but they have not been in this country in those of marriages, or deaths of adults, and very seldom of any age. It is uniformly the practice in Europe to insert them in connection with both, and in all cases. The parties cannot be identified without such a record, and it would lose much of its value, when this cannot be done ; and seems as necessary in one case as the other.

Records of this kind would be of very great importance in the various civil relations of society, and would secure to all classes numerous legal rights. They would not be the source of gratification to those who are fond of genealogical investigations merely, but would be the repository of facts and evidence to settle questions involving the dearest rights and interests of individuals and communities. It has been well said by an eminent English jurist, "that it appears to him fully as necessary for the preservation of the rights of individuals to preserve a register of births, deaths, and marriages, as it is to preserve a register of deeds." It is useful to all persons, and to some it is of great importance, to be able to prove, in a legal way, their age and place of birth ; and equally important is the date of death, and the particulars of the marriage contract. Sometimes the establishment of a right to a legacy depends upon this proof. Several instances might be mentioned in which estates have been lost for want of registration, and many others in which accurate civil registers

would have saved expensive litigation, and preserved families from pecuniary ruin.

Evidences of relationship are easily lost among the lower classes of society, and indeed among all classes. There are many individuals and families, who know not who their grand parents were. They cannot tell their own age from any record, but only by tradition, or after calculating the date of some other remarkable family event, which has been associated with that of their birth. Such defects should not exist, but the humblest individual ought to find in the public records the means of identifying his parents, and of tracing his connexions and genealogy. The rich can better afford to pay the expense of obtaining other kind of evidence to establish their rights, than the poor, but even to them it is a consideration of great importance. Any one conversant with our pauper system, and questions of settlements, and with the difficulties of determining the legal rights of individuals, thrown by misfortune on towns for support, and the expensive law suits often arising concerning them, must have seen the great defects of our present system of registration, and of the necessity of adopting a more accurate and efficient one.

II. To accomplish the second object, the record should furnish a class of facts different from those which go to show the identity of individuals, though in some particulars they must be the same. It should specify:—1, concerning *births*, the date of the birth, sex of the child, and its state, whether living or stillborn. 2, concerning *marriages*, the date of the marriage, the age and condition of the parties, whether bachelor or maid, husband or wife, widower or widow; and 3, concerning *deaths*, the date of the death, the age, sex, condition, residence, occupation, and disease or cause of death of the individual. To be of value, every birth, every marriage, and every death, in a place or community of known limits or extent, and in a given time, should be recorded, and the particulars respecting each accurately obtained and accurately entered. This may be done with great ease and accuracy, and with little labor, by using the tabular form prepared, in the plan accompanying this communication. It is desirable to know, in relation to the population of every town, county, and state, what are the number and kind of births, and in what months of the year they took place; what is the number of marriages, and of what classes of individuals; and what is the number of deaths, and what are the circumstances internal and external connected with them. These questions are all of great importance, and we are all more or less directly or indirectly interested in them, whether statesmen, professional men, or private individuals in society. Registration would afford the means of determining them, and would lead to the adoption of such regulations as would aid in the diminution of sickness, in the security of life, in the improvement of the general physical condition of the people, and in promoting their greatest good, and their greatest happiness.

There are other considerations connected with this subject. By the investigations of learned men in Europe, it has been ascertained that the reproduction, the life, the sickness, and the death of man, is regulated by certain fixed and

natural laws. These laws vary of course according to the individual and the circumstances in which he is placed. They have not yet been satisfactorily investigated in their application to man in the circumstances in which he is placed in this country. Nor is it possible for any one to do it fully with the means we now possess. It is believed, however, that many facts exist which render the operation of these laws somewhat peculiar to ourselves; and it is highly desirable that a system of registration of human life should be adopted by which they might be obtained.

The value of life, by which I mean the number of years man may live, cannot be ascertained without a knowledge of these laws. Life insurance has become as common in England as the insurance of real or personal property; and its advantages are becoming more known and appreciated by intelligent men in this country. It is impossible, however, to establish equitable rates without we understand the laws of life and mortality. This knowledge is necessary to determine all questions relating to life annuities, rights of dower, reversionary estates, &c. All these questions are determined by calculating the expectation of life under various circumstances. Such calculations we should be enabled to make were the records kept according to the plan proposed in this paper, but not from any existing data.

Such records would enable us to construct tables of mortality containing an invaluable fund of statistical information, showing the various influences in operation among us, which tend to increase or diminish our population, the comparative value of life among males and females, and of persons existing under different circumstances and conditions; and the comparative prevalence of health and disease, and of death, in the different seasons of the year, in different localities, at the different ages, and under different circumstances of life. Until we have such a class of facts we cannot know the wants of our population, we cannot tell when to apply remedies in order to ameliorate their condition, to improve the general health of the community, promote the security of life, and add to the number of years of existence. At present our exertions must be influenced by, and be made upon, comparatively uncertain theory and conjecture; and of course may produce erroneous results.

These are some of the considerations that suggest themselves in view of this subject. The next enquiry is:—How shall the elementary facts be obtained? and what System of Registration shall be adopted?

The experience of every government, where systems of registration have been adopted, shows that it must be made the special duty of some individuals to collect the facts, and furnish them to the proper officer. To leave this to the voluntary action of any one in the community fails of producing those full and accurate returns which are essential to render the record valuable. It is also bad policy to exact a fee of the connexions or friends of one whose birth or death is recorded, as was once the provision of our statutes. So far as they are concerned the record should be free. But to the proper persons concerned rewards should be offered for the performance of duty, and penalties imposed

for the neglect of it. In this way it will be made their interest, as well as their duty, to perform what the law may require. As regards both births and deaths, no class of persons in the community are so well qualified to furnish the information in the first instance, or can so easily do it, as physicians; and none are, or should be, more deeply interested in the subject. The medical profession in England have voluntarily engaged in endeavors to carry the Registration Act into force, with a spirit which reflects the highest honor on their desire for the promotion of the public good and the advancement of science. With these views the following outline of a plan is proposed:—

I. As regards Births.

1. Every physician, or other person who practices midwifery, should procure his name and place of residence, to be recorded in the office of the town clerk where he resides, and also in that of any other town where he may practice in his profession; and the town clerk should enter all such names in alphabetical order in the Register of Births, in all such towns, specifying the date when the same was recorded. Such a regulation as this is required by law, and has been in operation several years in Philadelphia.

2. Every such physician and other person should, on the first day of each month, or oftener, be required to make a return, signed by himself, of every birth at which he has been present during the preceding month, according to an approved and prescribed form of return. One is furnished in the accompanying system of Registration.

3. If any birth happen when no such physician or other person be present, the parents, heads of families, occupier of the house, master of jails, houses of industry, or vessels, where it occurred, should in like manner inform the town clerk of the same within ten days after a birth may take place. And it should be the duty of every person, whether a midwife be present or not, to see that a return of every birth is duly made under suitable penalties for neglect. In case any physician or other person neglect to make returns, the clerk should notify him of such delinquency.

4. The town clerk should enter all such returns in the Register of Births for said town, according to an approved and prescribed form. One is prepared in the accompanying system. Whenever any returns are made without the name of the child, the clerk should enter the other particulars, leaving that blank; and afterwards he should obtain and insert the name.

II. As regards Marriages.

1. Whenever any person proposes to enter into a contract of marriage, he should give to the town clerk a description of the parties to the contract, in regard to the particulars to be set forth, in an approved and prescribed form of a marriage contract. One is provided in the accompanying system.

2. Provision should be made by law for the appointment of a suitable number of persons in every town, who alone should have authority to solemnize

marriage in said towns. And every person who is so authorized should return his name, place of residence, and official station, to the clerk, who should faithfully enter all such names in alphabetical order in the Register of Marriages for said town. And every person, performing such ceremony, should make a return on the first day of every month, of each of the marriages solemnized by him during the preceding month. In case of neglecting to make returns, the clerk should give him notice of such negligence.

3. The clerk should faithfully enter all intentions, or licenses of marriages, in the Register of Marriages, according to the form prescribed; and should furnish to the parties a copy of the proposed contract, which should be shown to the person by whom the marriage ceremony is performed, and who, with the parties and two witnesses, should affix their signatures to it, as evidence that it has been duly executed and attested; and no marriage should be performed by any one, under penalties, without first having such certificate.

4. All the particulars of such marriage should be faithfully entered in the Register of Marriages, by the town clerk, and he should attest the same on the marriage contract. And no record of marriage should be legal unless so recorded and attested by the clerk. His certificate, and no other, should be considered as legal evidence of marriage.

III. *As regards Deaths.*

1. Provision should be made by law for the appointment in every town of sextons, or superintendents of burying grounds. And every such officer should make a return of his name and residence to the clerk of the town in which he resides, who should faithfully enter the same, with the date of his appointment, in the Register of Deaths. And no other person except such as are thus authorized, should be allowed to inter any dead body, under penalty, nor should any one be allowed to inter in any town, except the one where he resides, unless by authority of the sexton of said town.

2. No person duly authorized as above should be allowed to inter any dead body until he shall first obtain from the attending physician, or some other person, a description of the body to be interred, in regard to the particulars set forth, in an approved and prescribed form of return, and deliver the same to the town clerk. One is provided in the accompanying system.

3. Every physician, who was last in attendance on the deceased, or in case a death occurred when no physician had been in attendance, every parent, head of family, occupier of the house, coroners, master of jails, houses of industry, or vessels, where it happened, should be required to inform the sexton in regard to all the prescribed particulars, according to the best of his ability.

4. The town clerk should faithfully enter all the particulars specified in said return in the Register of Deaths for the town.

The town clerks might be required to make complete indexes to each Register book, of births, marriages and deaths, according to the form prescribed in the accompanying system, for the benefit of the towns; and also to preserve, in

some way of easy reference, the original returns of births, marriages and deaths, affixing to each the number corresponding to the number on the register.

Blank register books containing printed blank forms in uniform style for the entries of births, marriages and deaths, should be furnished by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the several towns, and the clerks of said towns should be required to preserve said registers with great care. Blank forms, printed in like uniform style, should in like manner be furnished to the several towns. And the clerk of every town should, during the month of July, or January annually, be required to make two copies of the records of births, marriages and deaths, that have been entered during the preceding year, ending the 30th day of June or the 31st day of December, and should transmit one of said copies to the Register of Probate for the county where he resides, and the other to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, or other person authorized by the Governor to receive the same.

The Registers of Probate, and the Secretary of State, should carefully examine and arrange the several returns, and cause them to be bound in annual volumes, or others of convenient size, and should make full indexes of all the names, both male and female, according to the forms proposed in the accompanying system.

Tables exhibiting a full view of the statistics of human life in the several counties, and in the whole State, should be prepared under the direction of the Governor or Secretary, and published annually. The following described tables might be embraced in such statistics :—

1. *Births.* A table specifying the number of births each month in the year, distinguishing the number of stillborn from the living children, males and females, twins, thrins and colored.

2. *Marriages.* A table specifying the number of intentions of marriage entered, and also the number of marriages solemnized, each month in the year, distinguishing the number of marriages between bachelors and maids, bachelors and widows, widowers and maids, and widowers and widows. Also the average age of the males and females at marriage, and whether they were inhabitants or strangers in the place where the ceremony was performed.

3. *Deaths.* Tables of mortality exhibiting—1st. The number who died the first 3, 6, 9 and 12 months of the year from birth, and in every subsequent year, distinguishing the males from the females. 2d. The number who died each month of the year, distinguishing the males from the females, and the ages under 1 year, 1 to 2, 2 to 5, 5 to 10; 10 to 15, and every subsequent quinquennial period of life. 3d. The influence of social condition on the mortality of different ages, and sexes, specifying the number who died bachelors, husbands or widowers, and maids, wives or widows, in each quinquennial period of life. 4th. The number who died of each disease in each month of the year, and in each quinquennial period of life, distinguishing the males from the females, the places of nativity, and the colored from the white. 5th. A

table abstracted from the above, exhibiting the diseases in classes. 6th. The number who died of each occupation, and the average age. 7th. And such other tables as experience may deem expedient to illustrate the subject.

4. General tables exhibiting deductions from the preceding series, containing comparative views of the condition and movement of the population, and the laws of human life and mortality.

The expense of such registration might be borne in the following manner :—

1. Every individual should be entitled to have a birth or death recorded without fees.

2. For recording marriages, the party procuring the record to be made shall pay one dollar for entering the intentions of marriage, for the certificate, and for recording the marriage after it has been solemnized. And a like sum for recording a contract of marriage, when the intentions were entered in another town.

3. The clerk shall be entitled to compensation, to be paid by the towns, as follows :—1st. For recording a birth or death, twenty cents each for the first hundred in a given year, and ten cents for all over one hundred. 2d. For making transcripts of the records for the county and State, five cents for each birth, marriage or death, copied and transmitted. 3d. The clerks of the several towns, the registers of probate, and the Secretary of State, should be entitled to receive ten cents for an examination for a single entry, twenty cents for a general examination, twenty-five cents for a certificate containing a transcript of a single entry, and for more than one, according to the amount of labor, to be paid by the person requesting the examination, unless a town shall otherwise direct.

It is supposed that sufficient revenue would arise in this way in a few years to repay all the expenses of registration.

Such is a brief outline of a System of Registration, which it has occurred to me might be easily matured and adopted by the Legislature, and introduced in the several towns in this State. It is comprehensive, but at the same time simple. By using the tabular forms of entries proposed, it will be perceived that much of the apparent labor will be obviated. When once introduced I have no doubt that the people would readily contribute their exertions to carry it into successful operation, and that it would soon become a measure of great popularity. It would at the same time provide an invaluable record for our own existing population and for posterity, and exhibit the most important facts of history and science.

Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

LEMUEL SHATTUCK.

Letter from Hon. Lewis Cass, referred to in Mr. Shattuck's Letter.

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES, }
PARIS, September 27th, 1838. }

SIR,—I have already stated to you, informally, that I had requested Mr. Vail, a very intelligent citizen of the United States, now here, to procure the information desired in your letter of June 25. Mr. Vail's perfect acquaintance with France, as well as his general intelligence, admirably qualify him for the task. He has executed it much better than I could, and I think you will agree with me, that his letter presents very just views on the subject, and is creditable to his talents and industry.

I forward the packet to Mr. Ledyard, as I told you I should, who will transmit it to you.

I am, sir, very respectfully

Your obedient servant,

LEWIS CASS.

LEMUEL SHATTUCK, Esq., Boston, Mass.

Letter from Mr. Vail. referred to in Mr. Shattuck's Letter.

PARIS, September 22nd, 1838.

LEWIS CASS, Esquire Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States at the Court of France.

DEAR SIR,—The subject of Mr. Shattuck's letter to you, is of such vast importance to every well regulated society, that it affords me pleasure, in the absence of that attention on your part, rendered impossible by your other high avocations, to be enabled, although in a feeble manner, to assist in procuring the information and documents necessary to elucidate the object in view.

The vagueness of our system, or rather the almost total absence of any, with regard to popular mutations and the statistics of human life, is apparent to every one in the United States; and so it must continue to be, as long as the registry of births, marriages, and deaths, is left to the simple will of the parties; and the mode of it, to the clergy, the only apparent constituted authority taking any cognizance of these acts.

It is true that we, in the United States, do stand in a point of view widely different from Europe. Compared to ours, the population of the old world is like the quiet waters of a lake rarely quitting its bed; whilst with us, the gigantic strides we make onward, and our natural migrating propensities, give the country the aspect of a vast agitated sea, which defies all efforts to confine it within any limits. But, however great the task, it is not beyond the reach of the moralist, and the result to be obtained is well worthy of his attention and of that of the lawgiver.

The perpetual shiftings of the people at the extremities of the republic, will not, it is probable, for years to come, allow any thing like regularity being established there. If it be done at all, it should commence in the older and more thickly settled states, where, by acquired experience, social restraints are borne with less impatience, and whence, by the influence of good example, it may infuse itself farther, and ultimately be adopted every where. Honor, therefore, be rendered to the state that thus takes the lead in the good work.

The French system is believed to be as near to perfection as any extant. It is minute and precise, as will be seen by a reference to the *Code Civil*, which establishes it, a copy of which, as very clearly explained and illustrated by Rogron, a distinguished legist, accompanies this letter.

In Chapter I., articles from 34 to 54, will be seen the manner in which registers are kept, by duplicates, in the mayor's office. When filled up, or at the end of each year, one set remains there; the other, for greater security, is lodged at the Tribunal of the Department.

Chapter II., articles from 55 to 62 specifies the mode and time of registering births.

Chapter III., articles from 63 to 75 relates to marriage; and Chapter IV., articles from 76 to 87 designates the records of deaths.

The explanation and arguments adduced in support of each clause, by Mr. Rogron, are perfectly clear, and show with what care as a whole, a protective law follows the progress of man, from his cradle to maturity, and thence, downwards, to even beyond his grave. In looking at the details of the law, it will be observed, as contrasted with our own custom, where such a trail entirely fails, that great care has been taken by the framers of the code to preserve throughout families, the native appellation of the *mother* as well as that of the father, of the child. With us, the wife's maiden name disappears entirely, and is never, or seldom, seen in public deeds; in France, on the contrary, not only that, but even her subsequent name or names, if she has been widowed more than once, are handed down, together with that of her husband, and by this means, family identity is, beyond equivocation, perpetuated.

The record is kept by an officer or officers, at the mayor's office, under his responsibility and direction. The registrar is in constant attendance. He performs the duties assigned to him by law, among which, he furnishes any party requiring it, a legalized copy of any act recorded. The recording is done gratis, but, for each copy, two francs are paid,—this being for the stamp and the paper used.

A condensed report is made annually by each mayor to the Prefect, the highest civil and executive authority of the department ; and these documents, together with periodical domiciliary visits, are the basis of the census of the whole population made every five years by government. From these, also, it is, that the statistical statement of the " mouvement de la population " in the " *Annuaire du Bureau des Longitudes*," (a most useful work, of which those for 1837 and 1838 accompany this), is made.

In the latter will be found a most interesting article, published annually by Mr. Mathieu, a man distinguished in statistical annals, and as a moralist.

The parcel marked A, contains manuscript copies of record, taken at the mayoralty of the 2d arrondissement (of which there are 12 in Paris), in ordinary cases of births, marriages and deaths.

Under the letter B will be found printed models of the above, such as are used throughout France ; varying with each case, together with the form of the register to be kept, as also the form used in the church registry. But in order that nothing be wanting that may throw light upon the subject, I have also procured a highly prized work, entitled " *Mairie Pratique*," or Dictionary of Forms. Commencing at page 478, the whole series of civil acts will be found.

Upon examination it will be seen that no penalty is inflicted upon the parent for neglect or omission in registering the birth of his child, although it visits the surgeon or midwife who does not do so, in the necessary absence of the father or of any one doing it in his name ; because it supposes that, had the father been present, or the mother capable, the requisite declaration and registry would have been made by them as a matter of course.

Acting upon the ground that birth, legally proved and identified, ensures to man his property and his social rights, the French law, setting aside the usual way of enforcement by the infliction of penalty, has placed its fulfilment upon the surest of all possible human basis,—self interest. Thus, in claims by inheritance or otherwise, the evidence called for *by law*, is that which the birth register can adduce.

Progressing in life, when he contracts marriage, man must present himself with that *same proof* in hand. Without the production of this, the law has interposed such great difficulties to contracting marriage, as to amount to an almost prohibition. Parents, therefore, having at heart the future welfare of their offspring, cannot, without exposing themselves to great reproach, omit taking for them, their first legal step in life. As to marrying, heedless of the mandate of the law, it is altogether out of the question, the *civil act* being, in France, the only deed constituting it. The alliance before the church, although sanctioned by morality and imperatively required by religion, is left wholly to the conscience of the individual.

In case of death, the law interposes authoritatively. Having for additional motive, the incentive of salubrity, the eye and hand of the executive are fixed upon it, and no inhumation can take place without the preliminary declaration

at the mayoralty's office, a post-mortem examination, if there be any doubt as to the manner of the death, and a consequent permission on the part of the authority to proceed.

In what way the incentives used here may be employed with us, is a point difficult of solution.

By establishing a regular registry, and by enacting that, in after times, all evidence relating to property, to descent, &c., &c., derive therefrom, we may bring parents to the first record. At each cemetery, books may be kept also, and here, we may in part succeed, as all must eventually pass that gate. But as a bar to a regular system, we have still the marriage act, with us, so capricious in its varied shapes, so hard to be reached, and which, yet, is indispensable to prove legitimate issue!

I do not possess the local information necessary to solve the question, nor can I presume to advise the abler men who have taken it up at home, but, should they view the subject as I do, they will come to the conclusion that a near approach to it would be, first of all,—

1st. The regular establishment by law of the ACTE CIVIL, making the marriage act one of civil legal interposition, independent of all religious interference; the latter to be left entirely to the dictate of conscience, and to the no less powerful conventional regulation of society; or,

2d. A system of central registry, embracing births, agreeably to the French form, with a legislative enactment, that *no other proof* than legalized copies of record be available in law. A marriage book to be kept, upon which the surnames and family names of both parties be entered, but not until the certificate of birth as specified above, shall have been produced, the marriage record thus made, to be a requisite before the courts in all litigious cases; and, finally, that it be made unlawful for any sexton or church authority to bury without permission first obtained from the mayor's office, where would, of course, be previously entered, the declaration, mode and time of the decease.

By thus interweaving all these acts, and rendering the compliance of one, necessary to the other; all the facts relative to the natural increase of the population would be brought to a centre.

The works annexed to this letter, are, I believe, sufficient to answer the queries contained in the letter of Mr. Shattuck; should they not prove so, it will afford me pleasure to supply the deficiency, and to procure such additional information as may be wanted.

I am, dear sir,

Your obedient servant,

EUGENE A. VAIL.

LIST OF WORKS AND DOCUMENTS WITH THIS LETTER.

Annuaire du Bureau des Longitudes, pour 1837,	1 vol.
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" Mairie pratique," ou Dictionnaire des Formes, par Dupont,	1 "
Code Civil Commenté, par Rogron,	1 "
Manuscript copies of Forms (some of which could not be procured in print.)	
Printed forms.	

A

SYSTEM FOR THE PUBLIC REGISTRATION

OF

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS,

REFERRED TO IN THE LETTER OF L. SHATTUCK, ESQ.

"It is fully as necessary for the preservation of the rights of individuals to preserve a register of Births, Marriages and Deaths, as it is to preserve a register of Deeds."
REPORT TO PARLIAMENT IN 1833.

NOTE.

[Register Books should be made of demy, or folio post paper, of good substantial quality, about 22 by 27 inches. This would give a page of 11 by 13 inches, which would be of convenient size for the blanks. They should contain a title page, the laws, forms of returns, and other general printed regulations and instructions, all of which should be printed to be bound up at the beginning of all the registers of births, marriages, or deaths. Each register of the different kinds should be made of blanks, printed and cross-ruled according to the form here prepared, and should contain on the first page the instructions to the registrar or clerk. Separate registers for the births, marriages and deaths, may be made for large towns, or they may be all bound together.]

The population of Massachusetts is about 750,000, and of these it may be estimated that 1 in 30, or about 25,000 births, 1 in 125, or 6,000 marriages, and 1 in 60, or 12,500 deaths, take place in the whole State every year. This of course is a mere estimate, and may be erroneous, though it is supposed to be not far from the truth. This would require 43,000 entries to be made every year in the State. If each sheet should contain 50 entries, it would require 860 sheets, or less than two reams of paper, which might cost \$12 to \$15. A register of two quires of paper might be made for \$2 to \$3, according to the quality of paper and style of binding; and this would last a town of 1500 inhabitants from 15 to 20 years.]

REGISTER OF BIRTHS

For the Town of ———.

DIRECTIONS TO THE REGISTRAR, OR CLERK.

1. In the parenthesis at the top of the page insert the page of the Register.
2. Fill up the running line near the top by inserting the name of the town; county and State, and the dates when the first and last entries of the page were made; and the signature of the registrar, or clerk, who makes the entries.
3. Under "*No.*" insert in figures the number of the entry, the births each year being numbered separately, No. 1 being the first made in the month of January.
4. Under "*Date of Birth*," insert the year, month and day when the birth took place. He may also insert the hour of the day when informed of it.
5. Under "*Place of Birth*," insert the name of the town, parish, street, or place where the birth occurred.
6. Under "*Name, (if any)*," insert the name or names, if any shall have been given to the child before registration, or when obtained after the registration of the other particulars, but the surname must not be inserted here.
7. Under "*Sex and Condition*," insert *boy* or *girl*, and twins, as the case may be; and also in addition, *colored*, if the child be not white.
8. Under "*Name and Surname of Father*," insert the name or names, and surnames of the father, (if known,) but if the informant declines stating the name of the father, or there shall be reason to believe that the child is illegitimate, the enquiry shall not be pressed, but the column be left blank.
9. Under "*Occupation of Father*," insert the profession, occupation, trade or calling of the father.
10. Under "*Residence of Parents*," insert the name of the town, parish, street or place where they reside.
11. Under "*Name and Maiden Name of Mother*," insert the name and surname of the mother before marriage, and if previously married, the name and surname of her first husband.
12. Under "*Informant*," insert the name and surname of the person who makes the return, and also whether he be a medical professional man or otherwise.
13. Under "*Date of Registration*," insert the day of the month and year when recorded.

If all the particulars under each of these heads cannot be obtained, such as can be known should be inserted.

REGISTRATION, Massachusetts, from the 5th day of Sept. A. D. 1842, Registrar.

No.	Date	Name and Maiden Name of Mother.	Informant.	When Registered.
76	Sept. 1	<i>Elizabeth Vincent, formerly Marshall.</i>	<i>John Brown, M. D.</i>	<i>October 1st, 1842.</i>
77	Oct. 1	<i>Mary Johnson, formerly Otis.</i>	<i>Mary Johnson, the mother.</i>	<i>October 20th, 1842.</i>
78	Oct. 1	<i>Maria Loomis.</i>	<i>Maria Loomis, the mother.</i>	<i>October 31st, 1842.</i>
79	Oct. 1	<i>Ann Thayer, formerly Brown.</i>	<i>James Mason, M. D.</i>	<i>November 2d, 1842.</i>
80	Nov. 1		<i>Henry Walton, Overseer of the Poor.</i>	<i>November 12th, 1842.</i>
81	Dec. 1	<i>Jane Loring, formerly Goodwin.</i>	<i>John Loring, M. D. the father.</i>	<i>December 14th, 1842.</i>
82	Dec. 1	<i>Eveline Thomas, formerly Smith.</i>	<i>John Thomas, the father.</i>	<i>December 25th, 1842.</i>
83 84	Dec. 1	<i>Jane Brigham, formerly Nelson.</i>	<i>Dwight Williams, M. D.</i>	<i>December 29th, 1842.</i>

INDEX TO THE BIRTHS.

"I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the original as it appears in the house I occupy."

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the birth should be made according to the above specimen, and bound with the original of it. It should contain the following particulars:—

1. The name of the child, as given by the parents arranged alphabetically, inserting the name of the father, except where it appears not to have been born in wedlock, and then always the name of the mother; or, if there be no name given, the sex of the child; or leave it blank when obtained.

2. The place where the child was born, and the full particulars may be found.

13. Under "*Occupation of Fathers*," insert his profession, occupation, trade or calling.

14. Under "*Date of Marriage*," insert the name and day of the month and year when it took place.

15. Under "*Place of Marriage*," insert the name of the town, or parish, and, if in a city, the street and number of the house, or the church, where it was solemnized.

16. Under "*Name and Official Station of the person by whom Married*," insert the name and surname of the person by whom married, and *clergyman*, *magistrate*, or otherwise, according as his official station may be.

17. Under "*Names of Witnesses*," insert the names of two persons who were present and witnessed the marriage.

18. Under "*Date of Registration*," insert the name and day of the month and the year when the entry was made.

19. It is important that all the foregoing particulars should be ascertained and inserted in their respective columns. Some difficulties may occur in regard to those required in the 11th, 12th and 13th sections of these directions, relating to the name and description of fathers, which in some cases cannot be always known. It is therefore proper, in the course of enquiries, to guard against offending the feelings of such persons; and it is recommended in respect to the particulars here proposed to be inserted, that the parties be merely asked whether they can furnish the means of filling them, and if they answer in the negative, the enquiry should not be pressed, nor the reason asked. Nor is it proper to insert any words of explanation of the omission, such as *not known*, or *information refused*, but the column should be left blank.

20. If a marriage take place in a different town from that where the intentions were entered, or where the license was granted, it is important that such marriage be recorded where such intentions were first made, and where one of the parties lived, and not where the marriage took place. It may, however, be recorded in a different town if the parties request it, and where neither of the parties lived, but in all cases the place of entering the intentions of marriage should be particularly mentioned in the record and in the certificate of marriage.

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REGISTER OF DEATHS

For the Town of ———

DIRECTIONS TO THE REGISTRAR OR CLERK.

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2. Fill up the running title near the top by inserting the name of the town, county and State, and the date when the first and last entries on the page were made; and the signature of the registrar or clerk by whom made.
3. Under "*No.*," insert in figures, the number of the entry, those for each year being numbered separately, that made first in January, being number one.
4. Under "*Date of Death.*," insert the month, day, and year, when the death took place. The hour may also be inserted if deemed expedient.
5. Under "*Name and Surname.*," insert the name and surname of the deceased, and if a widow, the name of her last deceased husband.
6. Under "*Sex and Condition.*," insert *husband* or *wife*, *bachelor* or *maid*, *widower* or *widow*, *boy* or *girl*, as the case may be. And *colored*, in addition, if not white.
7. Under "*Age.*," insert in figures the number of years old, on the last preceding birth-day, or if under one year, the number of months or days.
8. Under "*Occupation.*," insert the profession, trade, or calling, of the deceased.
9. Under "*Place of Death.*," insert the name of the city or town; and also the street and number of the house, where it occurred.
10. Under "*Years Residence.*," insert the number of years the deceased had resided in the city or town. Changes which have taken place in his residence in the same town need not be noticed. If a native born, leave the column blank.
11. Under "*Place of Birth.*," insert the name of the town, county, or State, if in the United States, or the Empire, Kingdom, or State, if a foreigner, where the deceased was born.
12. Under "*Name and Surname of Parents.*," &c., insert the name and surname of both the father and mother; and when known, the maiden surname of mother; or if a widow, the name of her last deceased husband.
13. Under "*Disease or Cause of Death.*," insert the name of the disease, or accident, by which the person died, and when he can, the duration of the disease, in figures, in years, months, days or hours. In order that the information on this head may be the best attainable, the sexton or clerk should be

required before any interment, to apply for it, when he can, to the medical attendant of the deceased person, who should be bound to give the information to the best of his ability. When no medical man has been present, or in attendance, or when no opinion of a medical man, as to the cause of death, can be obtained, the sexton or clerk may insert the cause of such death, according to the best information he can obtain, or leave it blank.

14. Under "*Place of Interment*," insert the name of the burying ground, and the number of the tomb or lot where interred.

15. Under "*Sexton*," insert the name and surname of the sexton, undertaker, or person by whom the interment was made.

16. Under "*Informant*," insert the name of the Informant, and also in addition the name of his profession or occupation.

17. Under "*When Registered*," insert the month, day, and year, when registered.

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IN

MASSACHUSETTS.

1844

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ANNUAL REPORT
TO THE
LEGISLATURE,
RELATING TO
THE REGISTRY AND RETURNS
OF
BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS
IN
MASSACHUSETTS.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1ST, 1844.

BY JOHN G. PALFREY,
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

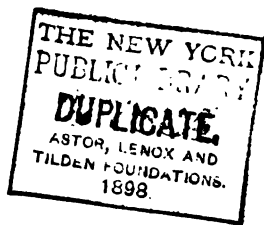
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SECRETARY'S OFFICE; December, 1844.

*To the Honorable Senate
and House of Representatives :*

I have the honor to present the following Report of proceedings had agreeably to the Act of 1844 (chapter 159) "relating to the Registry and Returns of Births, Marriages and Deaths."

Immediately upon the passage of the Act, measures were taken to procure the blank books for registration required by the seventh section. In the month of May they were ready for delivery, and were forwarded by the earliest opportunities to the towns. The pages of the Registers were ruled in columns so as to receive entries of the various particulars required by the law. They are of good paper, and in durable binding. They are of four different sizes, to correspond in some degree to the population of the respective towns. The books furnished to the smallest corporations will probably not be filled in ten years; the others will need to be sooner renewed. Three Registers were furnished to the city of Boston, for Births, Marriages and Deaths, respectively. The whole cost of the volumes was six hundred and fifty dollars.

The law was published in the official newspaper immediately upon its enactment. On the 15th of April, I addressed a circular letter to the town clerks, communicating a copy of the law, and then proceeding as follows :

"This act, you will observe, contains the provision that it shall take effect from and after its passage. You will accord-

ingly, in conformity to the first section, make your next return to this office in *June*, instead of *May*, as heretofore.

It may seem to you, at first view, that there is a discrepancy in the law in respect to the limit of the registration year. The first section directs the clerks to transmit, in *June*, a record 'of Births, Marriages and Deaths which have occurred within their respective towns during the year next preceding *the first day of said month*,' while the second section directs the school committees annually to make returns in *May*, of 'all the births which have happened during the year next preceding *the first day of said May*.' The latter provision is so express as to leave no doubt of what was intended in respect to births; and it was evidently the intention of the Legislature that the registration year should have the same limits for marriages and deaths as for births. Further; the law, when it directs the clerks to make their returns to the Secretary *in June*, leaves them at liberty to make it in the first days of that month, at which time the latest returns of marriages and deaths in their possession will be of such as took place in April. Accordingly, your annual return to this office will include births, marriages and deaths happening in the 'year next preceding the first day of *May*.'

According to the terms of the act, your returns of all births, &c., *since its passage*, should include all the particulars specified in the blanks which I this day transmit to you. It is probable, however, that the law may not yet have become known, through the customary method of publication, to all the officers and others on whom it imposes obligations; and that therefore your returns, for the whole year about to close, will prove imperfect in respect to particulars not contemplated in the former act. You will be pleased, in your return in *June* next, to make entries in the blanks as full as your materials permit. In the next year a much closer approximation to completeness may be looked for.

In respect to *births*, however, of which the census is required by the law to be made by the school committee in the month of *May*, it may be expected that your return will be full. To this end it is desirable that you should, *without delay*, confer

with the school committee of your town on the subject, that they may seasonably decide on some efficient plan of operations. I send you duplicate blanks for returns of births, one for the committee's return to you, the other for your return to this office.

The blanks for returns of marriages and deaths, which I transmit at the same time, can be enlarged by you according to the length of the return.

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I respectfully ask your careful attention and aid in carrying out the designs of the Legislature. You will not fail to perceive the great importance of immediate exertion on the part of the town clerks in calling the attention of those from whom they are to receive reports, to the duty enjoined on them by the law."

Along with the Registers, the following circular letter was sent to the Town Clerks:

"SIR,—Herewith you will receive a blank book, prepared for the record required by the Act of March 16th, 1844, to be made of Births, Marriages and Deaths, by the town clerk of

In the beginning of the volume you will find a copy of the Act. The blank space on the reverse of the page may be used for entering any laws hereafter made in relation to the subject.

You will observe that you are to enter only births, marriages and deaths, *taking place in your own town*. These events in families of your citizens, if they do not occur within your town limits, do not belong to your record.

The ruled columns contain spaces for a few classes of entries, which you are not required by law to make, viz: one for the name of the *informant*, under all the heads; one for the *place of interment*, under the head of deaths; and spaces for the *place of birth* of the parties, and the *occupation and residence of their parents*, under that of marriages. As to filling these spaces, and soliciting information for that purpose, the clerks are of course at liberty to be governed by their own judgment.

The blank in the line at the head of each left hand page of the Register will receive the entry, required by law, of the

place in which births, &c., occur. But in the pages for the record of births, there is also a *column* headed *place of births*, in which some clerks, particularly of large towns, or of such as contain different villages, may be inclined to enter the *parts of the town* in which the births respectively took place.

I respectfully suggest that, in the entry of *diseases* under the head of deaths, it will be best to adopt the popular names. These are thought, on the whole, to afford the best basis for the scientific arrangement, which ought to be made, when the returns come to be collected into tables.

Each successive town clerk should take care that *his signature*, at the head of each right hand page of the Register, stands over no other entries than what have been made by himself.

Trusting that your best exertions will be used to carry out the objects of the Legislature in establishing this system,

I have the honor to be," &c.

Returns of Births have been received from 288 towns, of Marriages from 289 towns, and of Deaths from 281 towns. There remain 20 towns without returns of births, 19 towns without returns of marriages, and 27 towns without returns of deaths, besides the two districts of Boston Corner and Marshpee.

A portion of the returns were not made within the time prescribed by law; and a few were made so late as to occasion much extra trouble in the preparation of the Tables.

A large portion of the returns are more or less imperfect in some of the particulars required by law. A great part of this imperfection is fully explained by the fact that, when the law went into effect, it was already too late to obtain, for this registration year, many of the particulars required by it. For the most part the town clerks have shown a commendable interest in the object, and in some instances they have taken great pains to carry the law fully into effect. Also, in some instances, the school committees have used great diligence in their department to collect information respecting the *births*.

Some of the imperfections are noticed in the marginal notes to the Tables; and in a few instances commendation is there

given. But it is not to be inferred that other returns do not equally deserve favorable notice. These memoranda were made from time to time when a return was under the eye for a different purpose, and without strict comparison of one with another.

Among the imperfections in the Returns, the town clerks have omitted in many instances the *number* of the births, marriages and deaths. Sometimes the number is put down 1 consecutively, and in a few instances the number is erroneously added up. Also they have often omitted to note the time "when registered," as required by law.

Had the information respecting *births* been communicated to the town clerks in the month of *May*, and of *marriages* and *deaths* between the first and tenth day of *each month* for the preceding month, as it is to be hoped has been done since the publication of the law, the entries on the town record could easily have been made in chronological order, which would have been of service hereafter in consulting the record, and would have facilitated the preparation of the Tables.

The blank forms sent to the town clerks required the return of births, marriages and deaths for the year next preceding May 1, 1844. In a few instances the town clerks changed the date from *May 1*, to *June 1*. In a few instances the return appears to include some cases occurring in May and June, 1844. These instances are presumed to be clerical errors. On one return of births the record purports to commence in January, 1843, and extends to March 31, 1844. They are all included on the presumption of a clerical error.

Very frequently the *names* of children are not given.— Sometimes the *sex* also is omitted, and can only be inferred from the Christian name. Sometimes the sex is not to be inferred from any entry on the record, and we have been obliged to consider these instances as "not stated." Again, when the sex is omitted, and a name is entered, it has been difficult in some instances to determine the sex, the names having probably undergone changes in the spelling in the course of time. This shows the importance of recording both the name and the sex.

The *date* of the birth is generally stated, the omissions being less than 1 in 112.

The *name and surname* of the father are generally mentioned, while frequently those of the mother are omitted. Sometimes the name of the mother only is entered. In two instances neither the name nor the surname of either parent is mentioned, the children being foundlings. A few children are entered as illegitimate. The *occupation* of the father is in a great majority of cases stated, being omitted in 1 case out of 17. The occupations are very various, and are such as we should expect from what we know of the employments of the people generally in the different parts of the Commonwealth.

The *residence of parents* is often omitted in the column designed for that entry on the return, and is presumed to have been *in* the town from whence the return is made, unless otherwise indicated.

The law imposes the duty of collecting the information respecting births upon the school committees, "annually in the month of May." Some town clerks have suggested that it would have been better to impose this duty upon the Assessors, who are in the habit of visiting every house in May or June, for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of taxable property, and the number of taxable polls in each town.

It is to be regretted that there have been so many delinquencies on the part of school committees, in collecting information respecting births, in consequence of which the returns are imperfect in many essential particulars. In some instances the town clerks have in a great measure supplied these deficiencies by their personal inquiries.

The returns of *marriages* are extremely defective. It may be well to present a view of this part of the case in some extracts from letters of town clerks.

The town clerk of Andover says, "the number of marriages in the town of Andover during the year next preceding May 1, 1844, was to me unknown—nineteen only recorded on the town Records. The number of publishments is fifty in the same time. One of the Pastors of the (oldest) Congregational

church has not made any return of marriages for the last eight years, as appears by the record.* Such facts as I knew I have added."

The town clerk of *Erving* says, "the attention of the minister of this place, has been twice called to this subject by the town clerk; but he still neglects to make any return of the marriages."

The town clerk of *Fairhaven* says, "you will also perceive that there are but eleven marriages returned, and one of these was in New Bedford, and not included in the Tables. They are often solemnized by persons living out of town, who with those living in town, have been very negligent about making the returns required by law; and many of those that are made, are extremely deficient in giving the required information. There must have been about thirty-eight marriages solemnized the past year."—"I have issued Blanks and Instructions to most of those persons who are permitted to solemnize marriages, and also to those having the care of burial grounds in this town, requiring them to bring in an account of marriages and deaths monthly; and I think that the present law will in a good degree be complied with."

The town clerk of *Falmouth* says, "it is impossible to make any returns of marriages, as the persons whose duty it is to report them, have not performed their duty."

Statements of this kind might be multiplied, showing the negligence of those authorized to solemnize marriages, in furnishing the means of a record to the town clerk. Considering the value of this record, and of having it accessible to those interested, on account of the peace of individuals and of families, and also on account of litigated claims to property, it is surprising that any persons capable of perceiving how much the rights and the happiness of their fellow men may suffer from their remissness, should be so grossly negligent. In several cases which have come under the notice of this office during the past year, the most serious difficulty has occurred in proving a title to a valuable pension for revolutionary services, for

* In the First Registration Report for the year 1841-2, it was stated that in Andover, "one clergyman had made no return of marriages for six years."

want of evidence of the marriage of the widow interested in the claim.

Besides the neglect to make any returns to the town clerks by those authorized to solemnize marriages, there are other causes to produce imperfections in the returns to the Secretary. In some places the law is not merely not complied with, but the purposes of a Registration do not seem to have been by any means fully appreciated.

The *condition* of the parties is omitted in nearly half of the cases in the returns. Though the law (sec. 1.) is explicit in defining what constitutes the condition, (whether *single* or *widowed*,) there have been mistakes in a few instances as to the meaning of this word in the law, as if it referred to color, to health, to property, &c.; for one return has under *condition*, "white;" another, "healthy," "I don't know," "well," "sick;" and another, "good," "comfortable," "don't know," "ordinary," "not good;" and another, "moderate," "wealthy;" and another has three interrogation points thus: "???"

Considering that the law requiring the *ages* of the parties married, went into operation, March 16, 1844, only about six weeks before the close of the year embraced by the returns, it is creditable to the town clerks and others, that the returns show the ages of 1,141 persons married, which is more than an eighth part of the whole number, and a larger proportion than the six weeks bear to the year. The results derived from the ages of the parties are imperfect of course, but they may serve as an approximation for a comparison with the results in other countries.

There seems to be a delicacy on the part of those authorized to solemnize marriages, as to obtaining some facts required by the present law, especially the ages of the parties. Had the law required the parties, to inform the town clerk of the facts in relation to marriage, *before* the entry for publishment, and made it his duty to enter these facts on his certificate of publishment, they would perhaps have been more easily and more fully obtained. Then the clergyman or magistrate might have certified the marriage of the parties within named, together with the date and the place. The certificate thus endorsed,

would then be returned to the town clerk to be recorded by him among the marriages, by the minister or magistrate.

The returns relating to the *occupation* of the parties, though imperfect, show to a great extent the various kinds of employment pursued in the different parts of the Commonwealth.

As to the *Date of Marriage*, a most important item, the omission is total or partial in 113 instances, or in about one fortieth part of the whole number.

The *name, residence and official station* of the person by whom the parties were married, are generally stated, but the returns are imperfect in relation to the *place of residence* of the parties at the time of marriage, and also in relation to the *name and surname of the parents*.

In many instances the marriages are not *numbered* at all; in several instances they are numbered wrong, so that it was necessary to count the number or verify it in other ways, even when they had their number in the proper column, and when their number was on the first line of the return. Sometimes they were numbered simply 1, instead of being numbered in numerical order, as was obviously the design of the statute. Sometimes the number on the first line of the return is put down in *figures*, instead of being written out at length in letters as it should be.

Almost without exception, there has been manifested a disposition and an earnest wish, on the part of the town clerks, to conform to the requisitions of that part of the law, which respects marriages, and special pains seem to have been taken by many of them, to furnish the particulars required. In many towns, from which the returns are now imperfect, assurances are given that means are in a train for furnishing a much more perfect return of marriages for the current year.

Generally speaking there seems to be in the towns, a strong desire for a good system of registration of marriages, and a disposition to aid in establishing such a system throughout the Commonwealth.

One cause of the imperfection of the present returns, is the practice in some of the border towns, of going into the adjoining states to be married, without being published in this Commonwealth.

The law requires (Sect. 1.) the towns clerks to *number* the *deaths*, and *record* them in the order in which they are received, together with the facts relating to them, and to note the time when the record is made. There are many imperfections on the returns in these particulars.

By the fourth section it is required that each sexton, or other person having charge of any burial ground in this Commonwealth, shall, on or before the tenth day of each month, make returns of all the facts required by the first section, connected with the death of any person whose burial he may have superintended during the month next preceding, to the clerk of the town or city in which such deceased person resided at the time of his death.

These facts have been very imperfectly reported to the town clerks, as appears from the returns and from letters received from the town clerks. In many instances it is even left very much to conjecture what the number of deaths has been during the year.

The town clerk of *Hopkinton* says, "the probable number of deaths that have occurred in this town during the past year, is some four times the number returned. And I would suggest that the returns must necessarily be imperfect, until some means are devised to compel by penalty, or induce by an adequate compensation, those whose duty it is to return to town clerks. I refer more particularly to the duty of sextons." The town clerk of *Royalston* says, "I have not been able to obtain the necessary information in regard to persons deceased, so as to answer the requirements of the law in filling up the columns, as the inhabitants of the town have not heretofore paid any attention in having births and deaths recorded; and in order to make out this return, I have made such inquiries as to enable me to get at the number of deaths, and to state in the separate columns in regard to such as I am acquainted with; as to place of birth, parents, &c. &c. * * * Hereafter I think there will be more attention paid to the law in regard to registration, as soon as the officers and others on whom it imposes the duties of making the returns to the clerks, become acquainted with what is required of them; and the law shall

have my aid and attention in carrying out its designs." The town clerk of *Sutton* says, "I think this not to contain all the deaths that have occurred in the town of Sutton, for the year ending May 1, 1844, as I have taken most of them from the newspapers. There are eighteen burial grounds in the town of Sutton; and no overseer to either of them except to the private burial grounds." The town clerk of *Upton* says, "This blank is filled up from a memorandum blank kept by a person for his curiosity, to know how many deaths there were in town; there has not been a death given to me to record for the last year; on that account I have no official documents to make out the return." The town clerk of *Shelburne* says, "the return is believed to be perfectly accurate as to the number of deaths and ages, and also the date of death. The return for the date of registration, I have left blank, as I was at the trouble of gaining the information and particulars required by the blank, by visiting the families personally,—and they were registered when the blank was filled out." The town clerk of *Florida* says, "there have been three deaths in the town within the time above specified; but as there is no record of them, I am unable to fill the blank."

The town clerk of *Raynham* says, "my return of deaths is imperfect, although correct, I believe, as far as it goes. We have many places for burial, mostly private property, no superintendent of burial grounds or sexton, whose duty it is to give notice of deaths, or of whom information can be obtained, and nobody thinks of returning a death to the clerk of the town. I however, generally get information of the death, of the age (in years) and by taking the trouble, of the disease or cause of death; and I hope hereafter, as the record of births grows more full, to give the ages more exactly." The town clerk of *Wareham* says, "The whole number of deaths that have occurred in this town for the year ending April 30, 1844, is fifty-eight. I, however, have not been able to obtain information so as to record but thirty-two." The town clerk of *Eastham* says, "The within blank is filled according to the best information that I could conveniently obtain, for there has not been a death returned within the last year; but it is not as full as I

should wish, but I cannot avoid it the present year." The town clerk of *Wellfleet* says, "one of the sextons has made a full and correct report for the year, and one rather an *imperfect* one—probably not three-fourths of what came within his limits. The other and last has made no report at all, notwithstanding I have requested him so to do; probably the above list of [24] names are not more than three-fourths that have died during the year preceding the last day of April last."

The above extracts show the neglect which has prevailed on the part of sextons, in many of the towns, in reporting to the town clerks the facts required by the law, in relation to deaths. They show also the personal exertions of town clerks in some instances to procure information. There are instances in which more attention has been given to registration, and a more successful result attained. The town clerk of *Oxford* says, "I herewith return to your office thirty-two deaths that have occurred in this town for the year prior to May 1, 1844." "The deaths and marriages were returned promptly. The town clerk of *Plympton*, long well known for exactness in all that pertains to the duties of his office, says, "In the year ending April 30, 1844, there was an unusual number of deaths in Plympton. From statistical tables kept in the records of the town of Plympton, it appears that during thirty years, ending Dec. 31, 1841, the yearly number of deaths in Plympton during said thirty years, was $14\frac{2}{3}$. Also that the ages of all the deceased persons averaged 40 years, 10 months, $25\frac{1}{4}$ days." The town clerk of *Falmouth* says, "the above list [of 33 deaths] is complete and correct. It is believed *every death* in the town has been recorded."

Two objects seem to be contemplated by the registration law. One of these is to obtain a *record* of the Births, Marriages and Deaths, with certain facts connected with them, in every town and city; and to have certified copies of this record embracing the year next preceding May 1, to be annually sent to the secretary's office; the record and the copy to be accessible to those who may have occasion to consult them. This object has reference chiefly to *individuals*.

The other object is to have the facts contained in these re-

cords, embodied in such a form as shall show the general results to be deduced from the aggregate of these important facts throughout the Commonwealth. This object has regard to those who would take a general view of this important branch of the statistics of a civilized community.

The law has assigned to town clerks and others respectively within small limits, the duty of furnishing the materials, and returning a copy of the same to the Secretary, and requires that the Secretary shall receive the returns, and prepare therefrom such tabular results as will render them of public utility, to be reported to the Legislature. It is left to his discretion to determine the form best adapted to effect the purposes of the law.

In arranging Tables for the annual report, those classes of facts have been selected which would seem to be most interesting, and which could be most satisfactorily exhibited in the present imperfect state of the returns. It was thought better to have a few facts correctly presented in the tables than to attempt a more extensive plan which must have been executed more imperfectly. The particularity in the results is not so great as is desirable in several points of view, but is believed to be as great as, on the whole, can be attempted to advantage in the present state of the registration system in Massachusetts. The returns must be much more full, before they will afford a sufficient basis for comparison with the results in older countries, where a system of registration has for a long time been carried out to a great degree of minuteness and exactness.

In preparing the tables, the law has been strictly observed by including in them only those Births, Marriages and Deaths which occurred *within* the respective towns and cities, rejecting those which occurred in other towns. It sometimes happened that they were not found in those towns where the record of another town represented them to have occurred; in such cases they were not included in the tables. The number would have been considerably larger, had all been included which are exhibited in the returns. One exception, or seeming exception was made to this rule, namely, of persons dying "at sea," and where there was presumed to be no municipal record of

Deaths and Burials. By following this rule, it is presumed that the number from without the limits of this Commonwealth, subject to registration here, would not differ widely from that of citizens of the Commonwealth, who would be subjects of registration elsewhere.

The population of each town, according to the United States census of 1840, has been inserted in the tables, for the purpose of enabling the reader, at one view, to compare the number of Births, Deaths and Marriages with the last enumeration of the inhabitants, and to see the comparative fullness of the returns of the several towns. In some of the towns there has been a great increase of the population since 1840, while a majority of them have probably remained nearly stationary.

The greater fulness of the returns required by the law of last winter, has occasioned a modification of the form of the Tables which were appended to the first and second Reports. It is believed, however, that the reader will be able easily to compare the results of the third with either of the previous years.

TABLE I relates to *Births*, and is divided into *four* parts. In the *first* part, under the heads of the respective counties, the towns are arranged in three classes; 1st, those whose returns were considered sufficiently fair to be embodied in the recapitulation by counties, in the *second* part; 2d, those which have made returns obviously imperfect, embodied with the preceding in the *third* part; 3d, those which have made no returns.

The *first* part of table I (pp. 1—18) exhibits against the name of each town its population in 1840, (which it was thought best to insert in this table, as also in tables II and III, so as to enable the reader to compare, at one view, the number of births, marriages and deaths with the number of inhabitants at that time); the number of births or midwifery cases in which a *living* child was born; the number of living children with the sex of each; the plurality cases, or births in which more than one child was born (of which at least one was born alive); the still-born; the number of children in each month; and finally the number of fathers whose occupation is stated, and not stated. This latter entry is made to show the fulness of the returns in this particular.

The *second* part (p. 19) contains a recapitulation of two hundred and sixty-three towns of the first class, whose returns are fair. In these towns, containing a population of 537,319 in 1840, there were 14,439 births, or 1 to 37.28, which is probably not more than three-fourths of the true number. It is much less than the proportion in many of the towns; for example, Chelsea, Boxford, Brighton, Cambridge, Milford, North Brookfield, Leyden, Rowe, Florida, Hinsdale, West Stockbridge, Quincy, Halifax, &c. The average proportion of births to population in England, for the four years from 1837 to 1841, was 1 to 32. In the Prussian states, it is calculated that in the fifteen years from 1820 to 1834, there was one child born to about 25 persons living. We may presume that there is annually on an average in Massachusetts, 1 child born to about 25 persons, according to the census of 1840; on this supposition the number would have been 21,675 in these 263 towns, instead of 14,563, which is only two-thirds as many.

The *third* part (p. 20), in addition to those in the second part, contains returns of 25 towns of the second class, and embraces two hundred and eighty-eight towns, with a population of 593,876 in 1840. The remaining 22 towns, with a population of 143,824, made no returns. The whole number of births was 14,633, producing 14,757 children, or 1 birth in 40.45 in these towns.

The whole number of living children born in the 288 towns, was 14,757, of whom 7,399 were males, 7042 females, and 316 whose sex is not stated. The proportion of the females to the males was as 100 to 105.07. It is worthy of remark, how closely this result, from returns which are imperfect, agrees with the proportion of the sexes in other countries.

In the Prussian states, during the 15 years from 1820 to 1834, there were born 7,593,017, of whom 3,906,544 were males, and 3,686,473 were females, or in the proportion of 100 females to 105.97 males. During this period, the excess of males was never below 5½ per cent., and was only once above 6½ per cent. per annum.

The number of *still-born* is only 27 on the returns of births. Besides these, there are a few mentioned in the returns of deaths.

The proper place of entering them is in the registry of births. They constitute an interesting part of the natural history of man, modified indeed by local circumstances, but do not form an element in the calculations relating to the value of life at any period. The above number of still-born is obviously far short of the true number. The number of still-born in the city of Boston was on an average more than 1 in 15 deaths, according to the bills of Mortality, from 1814 to 1843. Out of 43,034 deaths, including the still-born, 2,841 were registered as still-born.

The *fourth* part of table I (pp. 21, 22) relates to the Plurality cases, and shows, arranged according to counties, the number of births; the number of plurality cases, with the number of children born, their sex, and the still-born; the proportion of these cases to the whole number of births; the months in which they occurred; and the occupation of the father. It appears that besides three still-born cases, not included in the table, there were 121 of these cases, or 1 in 121, varying materially in the proportion in the different counties. Of these 121 cases, 118 were twin cases, producing 234 children, 2 were triplet cases, producing 6 children, and one was a case of four children, giving a total of 244 living children, besides two still-born. Of these 244 living children, 124 were males, and 120 females, or in the proportion of 100 females to 103½ males, showing the proportion of females a little larger than in that of all the births returned.

The proportion of plurality cases to the whole number, 1 in 121 in the returns from the 288 towns, is considerably less than is found to prevail in other countries, and is less than is believed to prevail in this country. This proportion perhaps would have been increased, had the returns been complete. One physician in this country has attended 1600 cases, of which 1 in 90 was a plurality case. Dr. Collins in his *Practical Treatise on Midwifery*, p. 186, says, that in France the proportion is one in every 95 births; in Germany, one in 80; in England, one in 92; in Scotland, one in 95; but in Ireland, the proportion is one in every 62. Of 129,172 women delivered in the Lying-in Hospital of Dublin, 2062 gave birth to twins.

In cases of children designated as *posthumous*, in the marginal notes, the mothers were widows.

Table II relates to *Marriages*, and is divided into three parts. In the *first* part (pp. 23—39,) the towns are divided into those which have made returns recapitulated in the *second* part (p. 40) by counties, and those which have made no returns; and the tables exhibit, by counties, the census of 1840; the number of marriages; the condition of the parties; the number of the parties whose age and condition is stated; their aggregate ages; and the months in which the marriages occurred.

The 289 towns, from which returns of Marriages have been received, contained a population of 600,680 in 1840. The number of marriages was 4304, or 1 in 138 persons. This number is undoubtedly below the truth. In England, the average number per annum in the three years from 1838 to 1841, was 1 in 127 inhabitants, and in the metropolis, one in 101.

The *third* part (p. 41) shows the proportion of marriages to the population, and the number according to "condition," with the average age of the parties, for each county, and for the State. The average age deduced from 15,579 marriages, registered in England for the two years ending June 30, 1840 and '41, was of bachelors, nearly 25.45; of maids, 24.30; of widowers, 40.80; of widows, 38.95; of the men, 27.45; and of the women, 25.46 years.

Table III, relating to *Deaths*, is divided into two parts. The *first* part (pp. 42—59,) shows by counties the towns with their census in 1840 (those which have made returns being distinguished from those which have made none); the number of deaths, with the sex of the deceased; the number and sex of those that died in each month; the number whose age is recorded; and the aggregate ages and average age in each town.

The *second* part (pp. 60, 61) recapitulates by counties the 281 towns which have made returns. The whole number, which, excluding the still-born, is 8338, is doubtless too small for the aggregate population of 578,653, being only about 1 in 70, when probably it really is 1 in 55. The proportion in England in the three years from 1838 to 1841, was 1 in 45

of the population. Of 8338, 3712 were males, and 4173 females, besides 453 whose sex is not stated. The females exceeded the males by 461 in the general aggregate, and did so in every county except Nantucket,—Hampshire, where the difference is only 2,—and Suffolk, embracing only one town, Chelsea, in which the number of males is double that of the females, owing to the death of 34 males in the Marine Hospital. After deducting these 34 from the whole number of males, there would remain only 26 males to 27 females, and one not stated.

Of the 8338, the ages of 7723 are on the returns, whose aggregate is 260,622 years, 7 months, and 20 days, averaging 33 years, 8 months, and $28\frac{5146}{7723}$ days. The average age in the several counties, as well as in the several towns, is various. This result as to the average is not to be taken too strictly, but only as an approximation, or to be regarded as accidental, and not necessarily indicating a healthy or unhealthy section of the Commonwealth. The average age deduced from the registered Deaths in England for four years ending June, 1841, was 28.93 years. In the Prussian States it was 28.86.

It may be observed in regard to Suffolk County (embracing only the return from Chelsea), in which the average age was the least of any of the counties, that of the 85 whose age is specified, 34 were seamen, whose aggregate age was 1097, and average age 32 years and 3 months. The number under 20 years was 38, whose average age was between 3 and 4 years; and of the 47 whose age was 20 years and upwards, the average age was over 35 years.

The returns would seem to indicate that the months of August and September were the most fatal to human life, and that April, May, June and July were the most favorable.

Table IV exhibits in the *first* part (pp. 62—75) the approximate ages* and the number of deaths of either sex, in each month, by counties, and in the *second* part (p. 76) a recapitulation of the same for the whole State. This table corresponds to table III in the First, and table IV in the Second Annual Report.

* That is, the ages as arranged, in the columns, between 1 and 2 years, between 2 and 5, &c.

The *third* part (p. 77) shows the near agreement between the approximate ages in the several counties,* and the ages stated in the returns.

The *fourth* part (p. 78) shows the proportion of deaths, including the still-born, in the different periods of life, according to the returns in 1842, 1843, and 1844; and the *fifth* part (p. 79) the proportion of the aggregate deaths in these three years, as compared with the deaths in England, in four years, ending June 30, 1838 to 1841, and in the Prussian states in fifteen years, from 1820 to 1834 inclusive. From the comparison it appears that the returns in Massachusetts show the proportion of deaths under 10 years to have been less than in England or in the Prussian states; that from 10 and under 40 years, 26.24 per cent. died in Massachusetts, 20.57 per cent. in England, and 14.89 per cent. in the Prussian states, so that the proportion in the three countries, was nearly equal, of those who died under 40 years; that, of those who died at the age of 40 and under 50 years, the proportion was nearly the same in the three countries; that from 50 and under 70, the proportion was *less*, and from 70 and under 80, it was *greater* in Massachusetts; that from 80 and under 90, it was greater here than in England, and nearly double that in the Prussian states; and from 90 and upwards, also much greater in Massachusetts than in either of those countries.

Table V, relating to the occupations of the deceased, is divided into three parts.

The *first* part (pp. 80—91) corresponding with table II. in the First, and with table III. in the Second Annual Report, ex-

* The *approximate aggregate* in Table IV, part 3, is obtained by multiplying the number in each column by the *mean* of the ages, and adding the products together; thus 1264 by $\frac{1}{2}$, 551 by $1\frac{1}{2}$, 566 by $3\frac{1}{2}$, &c.; and the *approximate average* is the quotient obtained by dividing this aggregate by the whole number. The *Return Aggregate* is the aggregate of the ages as they appear on the returns; and the average of years following, is the number obtained by dividing this aggregate by the whole number of the deceased whose ages have been counted.

hibits in separate columns for the several counties, 1, the number of persons deceased, whose ages are stated, belonging respectively to various occupations; and 2, the aggregate age (expressed in years, months, and days,) of the whole number of each occupation deceased in each county. The occupations are arranged in eight general classes, all consisting of males (with the exception of a few teachers, domestics, operatives, and paupers,) and a ninth class consisting of females. The first class consists of those usually known as professional men and scholars; the second, of capitalists and merchants, or of persons either living on the income of their property, or employed in some branch of commerce; the third, of cultivators of the earth, whether as owners or not; the fourth, of clerks and other persons (not belonging to the professions) living on salaries, or the avails of commissions; the fifth, of artisans and mechanics; the sixth, of persons performing domestic service and other manual labor, not included in either of the former classes, nor in the next succeeding; the seventh, of mariners, and persons employed on ship board; the eighth, of paupers, and other persons requiring guardianship. The ninth class specifies a few female occupations. At the close of this part (at the top of pages 86—91) are exhibited in separate columns, 1, the whole number belonging to such occupation, deceased in the State during the past year; 2, their aggregate ages; and 3, their average ages respectively.

The *second* part of table V (pp. 92, 93) is a recapitulation of the first, exhibiting a summary statement of the several facts, arranged under the heads of the nine general classes of occupations.

The *third* part (pp. 94—96) exhibits, (1) the approximate ages of persons deceased, belonging to the different occupations; (2) a recapitulation of the same facts arranged under the nine general classes of occupations; (3) a comparison of the approximate aggregate and average ages of persons deceased in the several counties, whose occupation has been returned, with their aggregate and average ages as deduced from the returns.

It will be perceived that the approximate aggregate of 1695

ages, among the occupations specified in the returns, is 1065½ years more than the actual aggregate exhibited in the returns themselves, making a difference in the average of life in these occupations (54.16—53.54) of sixty-two hundredths of a year, or 7 months and 14²¹/₁₀₀ days. Had the table been constructed by putting in the first column those of 20 years and under, and in the second, those *over 20 and not exceeding 30 years, &c.*, the approximate aggregate would have been reduced 1510 years, from 91,815 to 90,305, thus making the difference only twenty-six hundredths of a year, or 3 months and 6¹⁹⁷/₁₀₀ days *less* than the actual average of individual life according to the returns themselves.

The approximate aggregate ages of 1639 persons in 1842, were 88,805 years, averaging 54.12 years; in 1843, the aggregate of 1781 ages was 99,045 years, and the average 55.61 years; in 1844, the aggregate of 1695 ages was 91,815 years, and the average 54.168 years. The approximate aggregate for the three years was 279,665 years, averaging 54.67 years among 5115 occupations.

The number of deaths registered under most of the occupations is small, and not sufficient to furnish an average age which can be considered as an approximation to the truth, but if a similar registration should be pursued for a series of years, the accumulation will afford valuable data for this calculation.

Already a sufficient number have been registered, of a few of the occupations, for establishing a very near approximation to the actual average age; an example is in the class of farmers or yeomen, including gardeners, of whom the number whose age is stated in the three years is 1995, whose approximate average age was 65.47 years.

It is to be regretted that the occupations of the deceased in some of the towns, as Lowell, Cambridge, Medford and Waltham, have been almost wholly omitted; as one great purpose of a Registration system is to determine the value of life in the different occupations, and from no source can more useful facts for this purpose be furnished than from the commercial and manufacturing towns.

Table VI. exhibits the nosological facts deduced from the returns, and is divided into three parts.

In the *first* part, (pp. 98—100) in a series of columns, one for each county, are arranged the deaths that have taken place during the last registration year, under the heads of the respective diseases, these being disposed under seven general classes. The *second* part (p. 101) is a recapitulation of the first, presenting a summary view of the facts in the several counties and in the whole Commonwealth, under the heads of the seven great classes of disease respectively. The *third* part (pp. 102—110) shows the period of the year, and of life, at which the various diseases proved fatal in the cases returned.

The descriptions of fatal diseases in the returns, continue to be far less definite than is to be desired.

Consumption is the grand receptacle for all lingering diseases, of whatever nature, which prove fatal. *Fever* is another convenient term to apply to diseases of an ambiguous or undetermined character. *Dropsy* is applied to effusions of water, whether arising from pleurisy, peritonitis, tumors, disease of the heart, or any other of its numerous causes. *Liver complaints* of all kinds and *jaundice* seem to be convertible terms; not to mention such as are entered under *stoppage*, *sudden*, *infantile*, *old age*, and *not stated*. This inexact and ambiguous designation of the causes of death, where only a symptom or effect of a disease is mentioned, instead of its true seat and nature, impairs the value of our tables, as it will that of tables made under any law, in any country. About some classes of disease, however, there can be no important mistake, and the tables respecting them are good as far as they go. Such are most of the epidemic and contagious diseases, cancer, casualties, croup, &c.

The following are some of the facts obtained from a combination of the nosological tables, prepared for this and the two preceding years.

Total number of Deaths reported 1842-4.

MAY.	JUNE.	JULY.	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APRIL.	Not Sta'd.	TOTAL.
2255	2021	2092	2768	3051	2672	2140	2230	2132	2161	2353	2270	470	28,615

Under 1 yr.	1 and under 2.	2 and under 5.	5 and under 10.	10 and under 20.	20 and under 30.	30 and under 40.	40 and under 50.	50 and under 60.	60 and under 70.	70 and under 80.	80 and under 90.	90 and under 100.	Over 100.	Not stated.	Total.
434	2061	2349	1317	1713	3063	2310	1844	1586	1907	2314	1675	412	1616	1614	28615

Hence it appears that the greatest mortality has occurred in September (3051), and the least in June (2021); that the three successive months in which the mortality was greatest, were August, September and October (8491), and that it was least in May, June and July (6368). It also appears that more than one third (11,874) died before the age of ten years.

Deaths from Consumption.

Years.	Sex.	Under 1 yr.	1 and under 2.	2 and under 5.	5 and under 10.	10 and under 20.	20 and under 30.	30 and under 40.
1842 } 1844 } 1843 }	Males, . . .	20	29	13	16	69	255	214
	Females, . . .	18	26	28	17	235	506	322
	M. & F. . . .	35	24	23	15	165	490	364
	Totals,	73	79	64	48	469	1251	900

Years.	Sex.	40 and under 50.	50 and under 60.	60 and under 70.	70 and under 80.	80 and under 90.	90 and under 100.	Not stated.	Total.
1842 } 1844 } 1843 }	Males, . . .	150	142	126	110	25	•	47	1216
	Females, . . .	223	146	160	142	45	6	92	1967
	M. & F. . . .	234	162	166	135	30	7	70	1920
	Totals,	607	450	452	387	100	13	209	5103

From this it appears that more than one fifth of all the deaths (28,615) are marked "consumption," or if we reject

all except those which occurred between the ages of 10 and 50 (5 to 3), which is perhaps about the actual number of those who have died of tubercular phthisis, we still have about one ninth from consumption. The difference between the number of males and females is worthy of note, the latter exceeding the former by one third.

The greatest number of deaths occurred in the mild months of May and September, and the smallest in the cold months of November and January; and this appears to have been the case not only for the aggregate of years, but also for each individual year. This is a fact at variance with common opinion.

In some of the classes of diseases the deaths are about equally distributed among the months; but in others they prevail at certain seasons, as the following table will show.

MONTHS.

DISEASES.	MAY.	JUNE.	JULY.	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APRIL.	Not Stated.	TOTAL.
Respiratory Or- gans, . . .	602	522	510	493	528	552	515	613	584	613	722	669	533	7476
Digestive Or- gans, . . .	83	90	111	239	226	135	83	75	78	84	86	96	171	1557
Epidemics, &c.	336	329	377	673	804	626	441	343	373	362	394	325	514	5897

Diseases of the *Respiratory Organs* constitute more than one fourth of the whole, and prove fatal most in March (722), and least in August (493). The three most fatal successive months were February, March and April (2004); the three least, June, July and August (1525).

Diseases of the *Digestive Organs* constitute less than one eighteenth of the whole, and prove most fatal in August (239), and least in December (75). In successive months most deaths occur in August, September and October (600), and the fewest in November, December and January (236).

Epidemic and *Contagious* diseases constitute more than one fifth. They are most fatal in September (3051), and least so in

June (2021); or in three months we have most in August, September and October (2013), and the fewest in April, May and June (990):

Among so many numerical statements and calculations, it is not improbable that some errors have escaped notice. I have observed a very few since some of the sheets passed through the press, but none of sufficient importance to make it worth while to call attention to them.

I have in several instances derived important benefit from suggestions in the communications of the town clerks, many of which are extremely judicious and valuable. I see improvements which might be made in respect to the arrangement and contents of the tables. The whole subject is still matter of experiment with us, and I had given it no particular attention till it became necessary for me to do so, in order to the execution of my duty under the law. Whatever deficiencies may be observed, I have admitted nothing, on which a question could arise, without seeking advice in the best quarters, or being sustained by the practice of the most approved foreign tables. In another trial, I should hope to satisfy myself better.

Which is respectfully submitted by

JOHN G. PALFREY, *Secretary.*



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OF

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.



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TABLE I. BIRTHS.—1. *By Counties and Towns.*

SUFFOLK COUNTY.

Towns.	Census, 1840.	CHILDREN BORN.		PLURALITY CASES.			MONTHS.												OCCUPATION OF FATHER.								
		Males.	Females.	Not sta- ted.	Total.	No.	Males.	Females.	Stillborn.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	Not sta'd	Total.	Stated.	Not sta- ted.	Total.	
Chelsea, ¹	2390	111	55	51	5	111	.	.	.	10	7	10	9	5	10	6	8	12	9	10	3	111	.	111	.	111	
Boston,	93,383
2 Towns,	95,773	111	55	51	5	111	.	.	.	10	7	10	9	5	10	6	8	12	9	10	3	111	.	111	.	111	

¹ No return of "Number," "When Registered," "Occupation of Father," or "Residence of Parents." Parents' names omitted in two instances.

ESSEX COUNTY.

Amesbury, ¹	2,471	48	23	22	3	48	.	.	.	6	3	3	5	1	4	7	1	7	6	6	1	48	1	48
Andover, ¹	5,207	146	81	66	1	148	2	4	.	11	10	10	12	14	22	10	16	11	12	8	10	148	139	7
Boxford,	942	35	17	18	.	35	.	.	.	3	4	6	.	3	5	1	3	2	4	3	1	35	35	.
Bradford,	2,222	45	22	23	.	45	.	.	.	6	6	8	2	1	4	3	3	2	5	3	2	45	45	.
Danvers,	5,020	157	78	81	.	159	2	.	4	12	15	12	12	16	12	10	14	18	17	8	13	159	157	.
Essex, ²	1,450	28	17	11	.	28	.	.	.	3	1	3	1	3	3	3	5	.	1	2	3	28	27	1
Georgetown,	1,540	46	29	17	.	46	.	.	.	2	4	2	6	6	4	5	6	1	1	2	5	46	46	.
Gloucester,	6,350	165	77	88	2	167	2	1	3	11	12	17	22	17	11	8	14	15	15	15	8	167	165	.
Hamilton,	818	16	8	8	.	16	.	.	.	1	.	1	1	.	2	4	2	1	2	2	.	16	16	.
Ipswich,	3,000	51	22	28	2	52	1	1	1	1	4	7	4	3	8	1	4	5	2	4	8	52	51	.
Lynnfield,	707	19	13	7	.	20	1	2	.	2	.	2	.	2	4	2	4	2	1	3	.	20	19	.
Manchester,	1,355	44	19	25	1	45	1	2	.	4	7	4	4	3	2	3	6	1	3	3	2	45	44	.
Marblehead,	5,375	193	97	96	1	194	1	.	2	20	7	17	27	22	23	15	17	13	12	14	7	194	193	.

ESSEX COUNTY—Continued.

Towns.	Census, 1840.	CHILDREN BORN.				PLURALITY CASES.			MONTHS.												OCCUPATION OF FATHER.								
		Births.	Males.		Females.	Not sta- ted.	Total.	No.	Males.		Females.	Stillborn.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	Not sta'd.	Total.	Stated.	Not sta- ted.	Total.
			Females.	Total.					Females.	Total.																			
Methuen,	2,251	68	30	39	.	69	1	1	1	1	.	4	5	8	4	2	4	9	10	5	6	9	4	.	69	68	.	68	
Middleton,	657	18	8	10	.	18	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	3	4	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	.	18	18	.	18
Newbury,	3,789	33	22	11	.	33	.	.	.	.	.	3	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	2	4	4	4	1	33	32	1	33
Newburyport,	7,161	188	96	92	1	189	1	1	1	1	.	21	20	17	15	13	24	12	15	15	9	15	13	1	189	188	.	188	
Rockport, ¹	2,750	71	41	31	1	72	1	1	1	1	1	4	6	4	9	6	5	10	7	6	1	6	7	1	72	70	1	71	
Rowley,	1,203	32	16	16	3	32	1	2	2	2	.	4	3	1	3	2	3	5	3	3	2	3	3	.	32	32	.	32	
Salisbury,	2,789	53	25	26	3	54	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	7	6	3	2	5	7	6	3	4	4	.	54	53	2	53	
Saugus,	1,098	28	18	10	.	28	.	.	.	.	.	1	2	1	3	1	1	1	2	3	5	2	9	.	28	26	2	28
Topsfield,	1,059	16	10	6	.	16	.	.	.	.	.	2	2	1	3	.	4	.	2	2	1	2	1	1	16	16	.	16
Wenham,	689	19	8	11	.	19	.	.	.	.	.	2	2	.	2	2	1	1	1	.	2	2	5	.	19	19	.	19
West Newbury,	1,560	45	26	19	.	45	.	.	.	.	.	5	1	4	6	7	3	2	4	6	3	2	2	.	45	45	.	45
24 Towns,	61,513	1564	803	761	14	1578	14	15	13	3	129	120	141	152	131	160	122	135	135	116	126	107	4	1578	1551	13	1564		
Salem,	15,082	3	1	2	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	3	.	3
25 Towns,	76,595	1567	804	763	14	1581	14	15	13	3	129	120	143	153	131	160	122	135	135	116	126	107	4	1581	1554	13	1567		
Beverly,	4,689	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Haverhill,	4,336	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lynn,	9,367	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26 Towns,	94,987	1567	804	763	14	1581	14	15	13	3	129	120	143	153	131	160	122	135	135	116	126	107	4	1581	1554	13	1567		

1 One with mother's name only. 2 Two with mother's name only.—One papoose from Old Town, Me. 3 One with mother's name only. 4 Good return.

¹ One with mother's name only.² Two with mother's name only.—One papoose from Old Town, Me.³ One with mother's name only.⁴ Good return.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY—Continued.

Towns.	Census, 1840.	CHILDREN BORN.				PLURALITY CASES.		MONTHS.												OCCUPATION OF FATHER.						
		Births.	Males.	Females.	Not sta- ted.	Total.	No.	Males.	Females.	Stillborn.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	Total.	Stated.	Not sta- ted.	Total.
Stow ¹³	1,230	48	26	22	.	48	.	.	.	.	4	3	2	3	3	4	6	2	5	3	7	6	48	48	.	48
Sudbury ¹⁴	1,422	38	16	22	.	38	.	.	.	.	1	3	5	3	.	3	4	3	2	7	1	6	38	38	.	38
Townsend,	1,892	39	25	14	.	39	.	.	.	.	2	3	5	3	3	3	4	2	3	3	4	3	39	39	.	39
Tyngsborough,	870	16	5	11	.	16	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	4	1	2	.	.	1	2	1	2	16	15	1	16
Waltham, ¹⁵	2,504	75	43	32	.	75	.	.	.	.	8	8	3	6	4	8	4	5	7	4	10	9	75	75	.	75
Watertown, ¹⁶	1,810	50	22	28	.	50	.	.	.	.	2	4	4	6	1	5	6	4	4	5	2	7	50	50	.	50
Wayland,	998	24	16	8	.	24	.	.	.	.	4	5	1	2	3	.	2	1	1	1	2	1	24	23	1	24
Westford, ¹⁷	1,436	18	9	9	.	18	.	.	.	.	2	4	.	3	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	18	18	.	18
Weston,	1,092	28	14	14	.	28	.	.	.	.	3	3	2	4	1	1	3	5	3	3	.	1	28	28	.	28
Wilmington, ¹⁸	859	15	5	10	.	15	.	.	.	.	1	.	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	15	14	1	15
Woburn, ¹⁹	2,993	46	21	25	.	46	.	.	.	.	4	3	6	8	3	3	7	5	4	1	2	.	46	29	17	46
42 Towns,	99,378	2779	1356	1331	110	2797	18	20	16	1	205	239	216	254	252	240	219	225	234	216	225	247	252797	2607	172	2779
Lincoln,	686	4	.	4	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	2	1	4	4	.	4
Littleton,	927	4	4	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	4	4	.	4
Newton,	3,351	2	1	1	.	2	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	2	2	.	2
Tewksbury,	906	7	4	2	1	7	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	1	2	1	.	.	.	.	1	7	7	.	7
46 Towns,	105248	2796	1365	1338	111	2814	18	20	16	1	207	241	216	255	253	242	221	226	235	217	227	249	252814	2634	172	2796
West Cambridge,	1,363	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47 Towns,	106611	2796	1365	1338	111	2814	18	20	16	1	207	241	216	255	253	242	221	226	235	217	227	249	252814	2634	172	2796

NOTES TO MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

¹ Complete, except the "Number," and the "Occupation of Father," and "Residence of Parents" in one instance only.
² "Number" omitted.
³ Good return.

⁴ Very good return. "P. S.—Collected by School Committee."
⁵ Two more,—one in Wilmington and one in Woburn, not returned in those towns.

⁶ One founding. Return contains 407, of whom 43 were born out of town, and are here rejected. Town clerk supposes the number to have been 500, or 1 to 17 inhabitants. The Census of 1840.
⁷ In one case the name of neither of the parents is stated.
⁸ Town clerk says: "This return is believed to be complete."

⁹ Good return. Besides the three twin cases in the return of births, there were two more stillborn in the return of deaths, one of two males and one of two females.
¹⁰ Good return.
¹¹ Town clerk says: "P. S.—This return was got by myself by actual inquiry, as there were not returns made by the parents."
¹² One father's name not stated.

¹³ Very good return.
¹⁴ Very good return.
¹⁵ In one instance the surname of father, mother and child is omitted, the Christian names only being stated.
¹⁶ Good return.
¹⁷ Sex indicated only by the names.
¹⁸ One with mother's name only.
¹⁹ Twelve births on the return were in January, February, March and April, 1843;—the record beginning Jan. 3, '43, and ending Mar. 31, '44.

WORCESTER COUNTY.

Towns.	Census, 1840.	CHILDREN BORN.				PLURALITY CASES.			MONTHS.												EMPLOYMENT OF FATHERS.						
		Births.	Males.		Total.	No.	Males.	Females.	Stillborn.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	Not stated.	Total.	Stated.	Not stated.	Total.	
Ashburnham, ¹	1,652	57	24	34	58	1	2	0	6	3	4	6	3	6	1	6	7	8	2	6	0	58	56	1	57		
Athol.	1,591	45	20	26	46	1	2	0	4	4	4	1	5	3	2	3	10	1	4	4	3	3	46	45	1	45	
Auburn, ²	649	13	4	7	13	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	3	1	13	12	1	13	
Berlin,	763	24	11	13	24	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	1	1	4	3	0	4	1	0	1	3	24	24	0	24	
Bolton,	1,186	22	5	9	23	1	0	2	0	3	1	2	1	6	3	2	1	1	4	0	0	1	23	22	0	22	
Boylston,	797	19	13	6	19	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	2	3	4	1	2	2	0	0	0	19	19	0	19	
Brookfield,	2,472	54	29	26	55	1	1	2	0	2	5	6	6	5	4	6	3	6	4	3	3	4	1	55	54	0	54
Dana, ³	691	18	11	7	18	1	1	0	4	2	3	0	1	2	3	1	0	1	5	3	2	1	1	18	18	0	18
Douglas,	1,617	49	25	24	49	0	0	0	0	7	4	2	6	8	4	2	4	1	5	3	5	1	49	49	0	49	
Dudley,	1,352	22	8	14	22	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	3	1	3	0	3	0	4	3	3	1	0	22	22	0	22

WORCESTER COUNTY—Continued.

TOWNS.	Census, 1840.	CHILDREN BORN.				PLURALITY CASES.			MONTHS.												OCCUPATION OF FATHER.							
		Births.	Males.		Total.	No.	Males.	Females.	Stillborn.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	Not sta'd.	Total.	Stated.	Not sta- ted.	Total.		
Fitchburg, ⁴	2,604	76	39	37	.	76	.	.	5	6	5	12	9	5	3	8	5	7	3	6	5	5	.	76	76	.	76	
Gardner, ⁵	1,260	36	20	16	.	36	.	.	.	2	3	4	4	4	3	5	3	1	1	4	4	3	3	.	36	36	.	36
Grafton,	2,943	79	39	40	.	79	.	.	.	5	8	3	9	8	4	8	6	8	8	5	11	4	4	.	79	79	.	79
Hardwick, ⁶	1,789	48	27	23	.	50	2	3	2	3	1	5	3	4	.	10	3	4	2	2	2	2	1	48	47	1	48	
Harvard, ⁷	1,571	27	11	16	.	27	.	.	.	2	3	3	1	3	1	4	5	2	2	2	2	2	.	27	27	.	27	
Holden, ⁸	1,874	59	31	28	.	59	.	.	2	3	3	7	3	7	5	2	10	8	3	2	2	6	.	59	57	2	59	
Hubbardston,	1,784	58	30	27	1	58	.	.	.	5	3	4	3	6	3	5	8	7	1	4	7	7	1	58	57	1	58	
Lancaster,	2,019	21	14	7	.	21	.	.	.	.	3	4	6	2	2	3	2	1	.	4	.	.	.	21	21	.	21
Leicester,	1,707	48	31	17	.	48	.	.	.	8	7	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	5	4	2	3	.	48	48	.	48	
Leominster,	2,069	69	39	30	.	69	.	.	.	.	8	7	5	4	5	5	5	9	1	8	7	7	.	69	69	.	69
Lunenburg,	1,272	24	11	12	1	24	3	.	.	4	4	7	3	5	.	1	2	4	1	4	4	4	.	24	24	.	24	
Mendon, ⁹	3,524	126	63	64	2	129	3	2	4	10	13	13	5	9	4	7	17	9	4	12	16	16	.	129	123	3	126	
Millbury,	1,773	81	52	32	.	84	3	3	3	7	7	6	6	7	6	7	5	10	8	7	8	8	.	84	81	.	81	
New Braintree,	2,171	61	30	31	1	62	1	1	1	3	5	2	9	7	2	1	9	3	4	9	9	8	.	62	41	20	61	
North Brookfield, ¹⁰	752	16	10	6	1	17	1	.	2	1	1	1	2	1	3	.	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	.	17	16	.	16
Northborough,	1,248	25	11	15	.	26	1	.	2	1	1	3	2	3	3	1	3	1	5	2	2	2	.	26	24	1	25	
Northbridge,	1,449	34	20	15	.	35	1	2	.	1	1	2	2	3	4	2	4	5	3	5	3	5	4	.	35	34	.	34
North Brookfield,	1,485	55	25	30	.	55	.	.	.	2	4	7	4	3	5	5	5	7	7	2	8	3	.	55	55	.	55	
Oakham,	1,038	19	11	7	1	19	1	.	.	1	3	3	5	3	3	1	1	1	1	.	.	2	.	19	18	1	19	
Oxford, ¹¹	1,742	38	23	14	2	39	1	2	.	4	3	1	1	3	3	3	4	6	7	1	4	4	.	39	36	2	38	
Paxton, ¹²	670	20	11	9	.	20	.	.	.	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	4	4	4	.	20	19	1	20	
Phillipston,	919	23	6	17	.	23	.	.	.	1	5	2	.	.	.	5	3	.	3	3	3	4	.	23	23	.	23	
Princeton,	1,347	37	20	17	.	37	.	.	.	4	3	.	5	6	3	3	3	1	4	1	3	4	.	37	37	.	37	
Royalston,	1,667	31	28	3	.	31	.	.	2	2	2	4	1	4	1	4	4	4	4	3	2	2	.	31	31	.	31	
Rutland,	1,260	24	10	15	.	25	1	1	1	3	1	.	4	2	1	2	2	7	1	1	1	1	.	25	24	.	24	

BIRTHS.

Shrewsbury,	1,481	42	23	19	.	42	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Southborough,	1,145	22	15	7	.	22	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Spencer,	1,604	28	14	14	.	28	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sterling,	1,647	29	22	28	.	50	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sturbridge,	2,005	50	24	23	3	50	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sutton, ¹³	2,370	48	26	21	1	39	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Templeton,	1,776	39	15	24	.	42	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Upton, ¹⁴	1,466	42	20	22	.	42	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Uxbridge, ¹⁵	2,004	57	30	26	1	57	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Warren, ¹⁶	1,990	41	19	22	.	41	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Webster,	1,403	49	23	27	.	50	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Westborough,	1,658	41	20	21	.	41	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
West Boylston,	1,187	37	17	20	.	37	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Worcester, ¹⁷	7,497	262	129	134	.	263	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
49 Towns,	83,240	2265	1159	1102	25	2286	22	16	26	17	162	168	201	188	179	158	201	219	208	186	207	200	9	2286	2265	
Barre, ¹⁸	2,751	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Charlton,	2,117	6	2	4	.	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersham,	1,775	4	3	1	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Southbridge,	2,031	10	6	4	.	10	.	.	.	.	3	2	.	.	.	1	.	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
Westminster,	1,645	5	2	3	.	5	.	.	.	.	.	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
54 Towns,	93,559	2200	1172	1114	25	2311	22	16	26	17	165	172	204	189	180	161	202	221	211	186	208	203	9	2311	2200	
Winchendon, ¹⁹	1,754	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55 Towns,	95,313	2200	1172	1114	25	2311	22	16	26	17	165	172	204	189	180	161	202	221	211	186	208	203	9	2311	2200	

1 One posthumous child.
2 One father "not known."
3 Four stillborn males, 1 of which was a twin.
4 Five stillborn, of which 4 were males.
5 A Good return.
6 Two stillborn males, of which one was single and one was a twin; one with mother's name only.
7 The facts were furnished by the assessors.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.

Towns.	Census, 1840.	CHILDREN BORN.				PLURALITY CASES.		MONTHS.												OCCUPATION OF FATHER.												
		Births.	Males.		Females.	Not sta- ted.	Total.	No.	Males.	Females.	Stillborn.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	Not sta- d.	Total.	Stated.	Not sta- ted.	Total.				
Amberst, ¹ -	2,550	73	38	36	-	74	1	2	-	2	5	4	5	9	10	6	7	5	7	6	7	5	7	6	5	-	74	73	-	73		
Cumington, -	1,237	16	10	6	-	16	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	2	2	2	-	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	16	15	1	16	16	1	16	
Easthampton, ² -	717	17	11	5	1	17	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	1	4	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	17	16	-	17	17	-	17	
Enfield, ³ -	976	13	7	6	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	13	13	-	13	13	-	13	
Goshen, ⁴ -	556	13	6	7	1	14	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	2	2	4	-	2	1	14	13	-	14	13	-	13	
Granby, -	971	16	9	9	1	16	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	1	3	1	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	1	16	16	-	16	16	-	16	
Greenwich, -	824	18	8	9	1	18	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	-	3	-	3	3	3	3	-	-	1	3	18	18	-	18	18	-	18	
Hadley, -	1,814	42	15	25	2	42	-	-	-	-	5	2	1	3	3	4	3	2	2	3	-	-	5	8	42	42	-	42	42	-	42	
Hatfield, ⁵ -	933	26	17	9	-	26	-	-	-	-	1	3	6	3	2	7	-	2	1	-	1	1	2	-	26	26	-	26	26	-	26	
Middlefield, -	1,717	20	10	10	-	20	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	3	2	1	-	4	3	1	1	1	2	-	20	20	-	20	20	-	20	
Northampton, ⁶ -	3,750	126	58	57	15	130	4	5	3	-	7	13	11	12	13	11	5	14	7	6	20	20	20	130	94	31	125	125	-	125	125	31
Norwich, -	750	26	11	15	-	26	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	5	2	5	2	1	2	2	4	2	2	26	26	1	26	26	-	26	26	1
South Hadley, ⁷ -	1,458	49	27	22	-	49	-	-	-	-	5	4	3	4	6	6	1	4	1	3	6	5	1	49	49	-	49	49	-	49	49	-
Southampton, ⁸ -	1,157	33	18	15	-	33	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	4	3	3	3	4	2	4	3	2	2	33	33	-	33	33	-	33	33	-
Ware, -	1,890	53	35	18	-	53	-	-	-	-	6	3	2	4	6	2	7	2	6	5	7	3	3	53	53	-	53	53	-	53	53	-
Westhampton, ⁹ -	759	17	7	9	1	17	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	3	1	2	-	3	3	2	-	2	2	17	16	1	17	16	-	17	16	-
Williamsburg, -	1,309	33	17	16	-	33	-	-	-	-	6	5	2	1	3	5	3	3	-	-	-	3	3	33	33	-	33	33	-	33	33	-
Worthington, -	1,197	31	16	15	-	31	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	2	3	6	1	2	4	-	2	3	3	31	31	-	31	31	-	31	31	-
18 Towns, -	24,565	622	317	289	22	628	6	9	3	2	47	47	46	55	62	72	43	44	52	40	53	65	2	628	586	35	621	621	-	621	621	-
Chesterfield, -	1,132	7	2	5	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	1	-	7	7	-	7	7	-	7	7	-
Pelham, -	956	7	3	4	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	7	7	-	7	7	-	7	7	-
20 Towns, -	26,653	636	322	298	22	642	6	9	3	2	48	48	48	56	62	73	45	46	53	42	53	66	2	642	600	35	635	635	-	635	635	-

HAMPDEN COUNTY—Continued.

TOWNS.	Census, 1840.	CHILDREN BORN.				PLURALITY CASES.			MONTHS.												OCCUPATION OF FATHER.						
		Males.	Females.	Not sta- ted.	Total.	No.	Males.	Females.	Stillborn.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	Not sta- d.	Total.	Stated.	Not sta- ted.	Total.	
Granville, - - -	1,414	5	1	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	5	5	-	5
Holland, ² - - -	423																										
Tolland, ³ - - -	627																										
Wilbraham, ⁴ - -	1,864																										
16 Towns, - - -	34,733	754	383	369	8 760	5	7	4	-	52	56	60	80	60	53	77	59	54	65	65	72	7	760	727	27	754	
Brimfield, - - -	1,419																										
Southwick, - - -	1,214																										
18 Towns, - - -	37,366	754	383	369	8 760	5	7	4	-	52	56	60	80	60	53	77	59	54	65	65	72	7	760	727	27	754	

One triplet case, Feb. 8,—two males and one female. One with mother's name only. One without the name of either parent, and without date.

² "Next year we will make effort to have them correct."
³ No births recorded.
⁴ No births recorded.

¹ One triplet case, Feb. 8.—two males and one female. ² One with mother's name only. ³ Next year we will make effort to have them correct." ⁴ No births recorded.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Barnardston, - - -	992	23	10	14	-	24	1	2	-	1	2	3	2	3	1	2	2	-	3	-	5	-	34	31	2	33
Buckland, - - -	1,084	20	15	5	-	20	-	-	-	3	1	3	2	2	-	-	3	1	2	1	3	-	20	20	-	20
Charlemon, - - -	1,127	31	14	17	-	31	-	-	-	3	-	2	7	-	5	4	4	2	2	1	3	-	31	31	-	31
Coleraine, - - -	1,971	35	20	15	-	35	-	-	-	3	4	5	1	4	1	5	1	2	5	2	1	1	35	35	-	35
Conway, - - -	1,409	46	22	24	-	46	-	-	-	8	4	3	3	3	5	5	1	2	3	2	4	1	46	46	-	46

Erving, -	309	10	7	3	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	10	-	10	
Gill, -	798	22	19	13	-	32	-	-	-	-	4	4	2	3	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	22	22	-	22	
Greenfield, -	1,758	32	19	13	-	32	-	-	-	-	4	4	3	3	2	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	32	32	3	32	
Hawley, -	977	18	7	11	-	18	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	18	-	18	
Heath, -	895	14	6	8	-	14	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	14	14	-	14		
Leverett, -	875	17	9	8	-	17	-	-	-	-	4	4	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	17	17	-	17		
Leyden, -	632	28	16	11	2	29	1	2	-	-	4	1	1	3	2	6	3	1	1	1	1	29	29	1	29		
Monroe, -	282	7	1	6	-	7	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	2	1	8	1	-	-	-	-	7	7	-	7		
Montague, -	1,255	32	15	16	1	32	-	-	-	-	3	3	4	1	2	4	3	2	2	2	2	32	32	-	32		
New Salem, -	1,305	20	13	7	-	20	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	2	4	2	4	4	4	4	4	20	20	-	20		
Northfield, ¹ -	1,673	30	10	20	-	30	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	2	4	2	4	5	-	-	1	30	30	1	30		
Orange, -	1,501	28	17	12	-	29	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	2	1	5	1	2	3	29	29	-	29		
Rowe, -	703	30	16	14	-	30	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	3	7	6	2	2	1	1	1	3	30	30	-	30	
Shelburne, -	1,022	22	11	11	-	22	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	22	22	-	22		
Shutesbury, ² -	987	21	11	10	-	21	-	-	-	-	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	21	21	1	21		
Sunderland, -	719	23	16	7	-	23	-	-	-	-	4	2	2	6	1	1	3	2	1	1	2	23	23	-	23		
Warwick, -	1,071	18	6	12	-	18	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	1	1	5	-	1	1	1	18	18	-	18		
Wendell, -	875	18	12	7	-	19	1	2	-	-	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	2	1	6	1	19	19	-	19		
Whately, -	1,072	25	12	12	1	25	-	-	-	-	3	3	1	2	2	3	1	2	3	-	4	1	25	25	1	25	
24 Towns, -	25,290	570	294	276	4	574	4	7	1	-	56	42	47	67	54	38	50	25	40	62	34	49	10	574	561	9	570
Ashfield, -	1,610	2	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	2	-	2	
25 Towns, -	26,900	572	294	278	4	576	4	7	1	-	56	42	47	67	55	38	50	25	40	63	34	49	10	576	563	9	572
Deerfield, -	1,912	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
26 Towns, -	28,812	572	294	278	4	576	4	7	1	-	56	42	47	67	55	38	50	25	40	63	34	49	10	576	563	9	572

2 One with mother's name only.

The Return is made to June 1, 1844, and contains 33 births.

BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

TOWNS.	Census, 1840.	Births.	CHILDREN BORN.				PLURALITY CASES.			MONTHS.												OCCUPATION OF FATHER.					
			Males.	Females.	Not sta- ted.	Total.	No.	Males.	Females.	Stillborn.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	Total.	Stated.	Not sta- ted.	Total.	
Alford, ¹ -	481	13	7	6	-	13	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	1	-	2	-	1	-	2	2	-	2	13	12	1	13
Clarksburg, ² -	370	9	8	1	-	9	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	1	6	2	3	-	9	9	-	9
Dalton, -	1,255	38	25	15	-	40	2	3	1	-	5	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	1	6	2	3	5	40	36	2	38
Egremont, -	1,038	19	8	11	-	19	-	-	-	-	3	-	2	3	1	-	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	19	19	-	19
Florida, -	441	19	11	8	-	19	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	-	2	-	2	2	2	1	5	-	1	19	19	-	19
Hancock, -	922	21	14	7	-	21	-	-	-	-	4	2	1	2	3	-	4	-	2	2	3	-	1	21	20	1	21
Hinsdale, ³ -	955	41	19	22	-	41	-	-	-	-	5	2	2	4	6	-	1	-	2	2	3	4	6	41	40	1	41
Lanesborough, -	1,140	30	14	15	-	31	1	2	-	-	3	5	-	3	2	2	6	2	1	4	4	-	-	31	30	30	30
Lee, -	2,428	28	17	11	1	29	1	-	2	-	-	4	1	2	2	3	1	-	3	2	7	4	-	29	28	-	28
Lenox, -	1,313	35	19	16	-	35	-	-	-	-	5	2	1	3	2	1	4	8	2	2	2	2	2	35	35	-	35
Mt. Washington, -	438	13	9	4	-	13	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	3	2	2	13	11	2	13
New Ashford, -	927	5	3	2	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	2	-	-	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	4	1	5
New Marlborough, -	1,682	41	19	22	-	41	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	2	2	4	3	7	9	1	6	1	2	41	41	-	41
Otis, -	1,177	12	5	7	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	2	1	4	2	-	12	12	-	12
Peru, ⁴ -	576	17	7	10	-	17	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	-	1	1	2	1	1	-	-	4	2	17	17	-	17
Pittsfield, -	3,747	86	51	36	-	87	1	1	1	-	11	4	10	6	7	5	8	10	7	15	4	-	-	87	78	8	86
Sandisfield, -	1,464	21	13	8	-	21	-	-	-	-	1	4	2	1	4	1	2	1	-	5	-	-	-	21	21	-	21
Savoy, -	915	12	3	10	-	13	1	-	2	-	-	2	2	3	-	1	-	-	-	2	3	-	3	13	11	1	12
Sheffield, -	2,322	48	26	23	-	49	1	1	1	-	6	1	2	4	4	5	-	7	3	6	4	7	7	49	48	-	48
Stockbridge, -	1,992	39	20	18	-	38	2	4	-	-	4	2	1	1	3	4	6	1	6	4	3	5	1	41	39	-	39
Washington, -	991	22	8	14	-	22	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	2	1	3	4	1	2	1	1	1	2	22	22	-	22
W. Stockbridge, -	1,448	54	25	28	1	54	-	-	-	-	1	3	5	3	6	8	6	9	2	3	7	1	1	54	54	-	54
Williamstown, ⁵ -	2,153	57	22	29	6	57	-	-	-	-	3	6	8	6	2	4	5	5	2	6	3	7	7	57	54	3	57
23 Towns, -	29,475	680	353	323	13	689	9	11	7	-	65	47	53	49	54	62	66	59	43	81	57	52	1	689	630	50	680

Becket, - - -	1,342	18	-	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	18	18	18	18	18
Richmond, ⁶ - -	1,097	11	-	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	11	11	11	11	11
Tythingham, - -	1,477	5	2	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	5	5	5	5	5
26 Towns, - -	33,991	714	362	330	31	723	9	11	7	-	68	50	54	50	55	63	66	63	43	81	57	54	19	723	635	79	714	714
Adams, - - -	3,703																											
Boston Corner, - -	65																											
Cheeshire, - - -	985																											
Gt. Barrington, - -	2,704																											
Windsor, - - -	897																											
31 Towns, - -	41,745	714	362	330	31	723	9	11	7	-	68	50	54	50	55	63	66	63	43	81	57	54	19	723	635	79	714	714

¹ One with mother's name only.

² One more in Savoy not in the return of

Savoy; and one in Adams not returned.

⁴ Good return, signed by both school com-
mittee and town clerk.

⁵ One without parents' names.

⁶ No names of fathers.

NORFOLK COUNTY.

Bellingham,	-	1,055	30	20	10	-	30	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	6	4	2	1	2	3	1	2	2	30	30	30	30	30
Braintree, ¹	-	2,168	59	37	22	-	59	-	-	-	-	-	7	3	6	10	2	7	3	5	3	2	2	59	59	59	59	59
Canton, ²	-	1,995	65	26	37	2	65	-	-	-	-	-	6	5	5	4	6	5	5	3	10	8	4	65	65	65	65	65
Cohasset,	-	1,471	24	13	11	-	24	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	1	3	1	1	1	1	3	1	4	24	24	24	24	24
Dedham, ³	-	3,290	90	43	45	2	90	-	-	-	-	-	6	9	7	9	10	5	4	4	8	7	8	90	77	77	77	77
Dover,	-	520	8	4	4	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	2	-	1	1	1	1	8	8	8	8	8
Foxborough, ⁴	-	1,298	24	12	12	-	24	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	3	1	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	24	22	24	24	24
Franklin,	-	1,717	23	6	17	-	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	5	1	2	1	5	3	3	1	22	22	22	22	22

NORFOLK COUNTY—Continued.

TOWNS.	Census, 1840.	CHILDREN BORN.				PLURALITY CASES.			MONTHS.												OCCUPATION OF FATHER.							
		Births.	Males.	Females.	Not sta- ted.	Total.	No.	Males.	Females.	Stillborn.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	Not sta'd	Total.	Stated.	Not sta- ted.	Total.	
Medway, ⁵	2,043	66	37	29	-	66	-	-	-	-	4	6	4	5	3	6	10	3	4	4	6	9	6	66	66	-	66	
Milton, -	1,822	49	34	14	1	49	-	-	-	-	8	4	1	4	5	2	3	3	3	4	1	8	4	2	49	49	-	49
Needham, -	1,488	45	22	23	-	45	-	-	-	-	3	3	1	5	7	6	2	5	4	5	3	1	45	45	-	45		
Quincy, ⁶	3,486	147	71	76	-	147	-	-	-	-	8	13	14	8	22	9	7	18	15	14	8	11	147	144	3	147		
Randolph, ⁷	3,213	92	48	44	-	92	-	-	-	-	10	4	4	15	7	9	9	8	7	3	8	8	92	92	-	92		
Roxbury, ⁸	9,089	302	148	156	-	304	2	2	-	2	31	25	27	21	31	22	17	19	20	36	26	29	304	300	2	302		
Sharon, -	1,076	26	14	12	-	26	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	4	3	3	2	2	-	2	3	2	26	26	-	26		
Stoughton, -	2,142	68	36	32	-	68	-	-	-	-	7	3	4	7	7	11	7	5	2	7	5	3	68	54	14	68		
Weymouth, ⁹	3,738	145	76	69	-	145	-	-	-	-	8	17	14	11	14	10	13	10	14	7	17	10	145	142	3	145		
Wrentham, ¹⁰	2,915	77	39	37	1	77	-	-	-	-	6	6	9	8	6	9	5	5	7	5	3	8	77	75	2	77		
18 Towns, -	44,526	1340	686	650	6	1342	2	2	2	-	116	117	102	121	138	115	99	96	99	117	116	101	5	1342	1271	69	1340	
Brookline, -	1,365	13	7	6	-	13	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	2	2	-	3	1	1	13	13	-	13		
Dorchester, -	4,875	27	13	15	-	28	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	-	5	3	2	-	5	28	27	-	27		
Medfield, ¹¹	883	9	5	4	-	9	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	9	9	-	9		
21 Towns, -	51,649	1389	711	675	6	1392	3	3	3	3	120	121	106	125	143	119	102	103	102	122	117	107	5	1392	1320	69	1389	
Walpole, -	1,491	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
22 Towns, -	53,140	1389	711	675	6	1392	3	3	3	3	120	121	106	125	143	119	102	103	102	122	117	107	5	1392	1320	69	1389	

¹ Besides two others in Weymouth, not found in the Weymouth return.

² Besides three others,—one in Stoughton, one in Boston, and one in Rochester, neither of which is returned.

³ Without a surname : several without residence of parents.

⁴ the name of the mother.

⁵ One with surname only.

⁶ No name of mothers stated.

⁷ One posthumous child.

⁸ Very full in respect to place of birth and residence of parents.

⁹ One posthumous child.

¹⁰ One return, signed by the town clerk, and containing 15 births, was received June 23, and another, signed by the school committee, and containing 141, was received Sept. 8. Allowing for 11 common to both returns, there are 145 births.

¹¹ Besides one in Cumberland.

¹² There have been more births in town."

¹ Besides two others in Weymouth, not found in the Weymouth return.

² Besides three others,—one in Stoughton, one in Boston, and one in Rochester, neither of which is returned.

³ One without a surname; several without

the name of the mother.

⁴ One with surname only.

⁵ No name of mothers stated.

⁶ One posthumous child.

⁷ Very full in respect to place of birth and residence of parents.

⁸ One posthumous child. One with mother's name only. One without the surname of parents.

⁹ One posthumous child. One return, signed by the town clerk, and containing 15 births, was received June 29, and another, signed by the school committee, and containing 141, was received Sept. 6.

Allowing for 11 common to both returns, there are 145 births.

¹⁰ Besides one in Cumberland.

¹¹ "There have been more births in town."

Attleborough, ¹	-	3,585	78	45	32	1	78	-	-	3	5	3	4	13	10	4	7	3	8	5	9	5	9	6	2	78	76	2	78
Berkley, ²	-	888	20	8	11	1	20	-	-	-	1	1	1	3	1	-	2	-	2	3	3	3	3	-	20	20	-	90	
Dartmouth, ³	-	4,135	121	58	64	-	122	1	-	2	4	8	15	14	10	5	11	5	7	9	21	10	3	122	117	4	121		
Dighton,	-	1,378	36	17	19	-	36	-	-	-	2	6	2	2	2	2	3	2	4	4	4	4	3	-	36	35	1	36	
Easton,	-	2,074	42	25	17	-	42	-	-	-	8	2	3	3	3	4	3	3	5	1	5	2	-	42	42	-	42		
Fairhaven,	-	3,951	73	39	35	-	74	1	1	1	8	4	1	8	3	6	9	7	3	9	9	6	1	74	36	37	73		
Fall River, ⁴	-	6,738	308	146	164	-	310	2	2	2	23	15	16	30	23	26	30	37	21	33	26	30	-	310	302	6	308		
Free town,	-	1,772	47	32	15	-	47	-	-	-	2	3	4	6	5	5	4	4	7	2	4	1	-	47	45	2	47		
Mansfield,	-	1,382	33	15	19	-	34	1	1	1	4	-	1	4	5	3	2	3	4	2	2	4	-	34	33	-	33		
New Bedford, ⁵	-	12,067	442	222	213	8	443	1	-	2	56	22	30	33	31	23	48	36	30	44	40	41	9	443	431	11	442		
Norton, ⁶	-	1,945	36	22	14	-	36	-	-	-	2	2	3	5	2	2	2	2	4	4	4	5	1	36	36	-	36		
Pawtucket, ⁷	-	2,184	101	61	43	-	104	3	2	4	9	6	8	9	4	4	8	7	8	11	12	18	-	104	100	1	101		
Raynham,	-	1,329	43	18	25	-	43	-	-	-	-	1	5	8	1	3	4	4	5	6	6	1	-	43	43	-	43		
Rehoboth, ⁸	-	2,169	55	32	23	-	55	-	-	-	3	3	5	8	5	4	1	2	10	4	6	4	-	55	55	-	55		
Seekonk,	-	1,996	45	16	31	-	47	2	2	2	2	1	1	5	4	3	6	8	1	8	3	3	-	47	45	-	45		
Somerset,	-	1,005	24	13	10	1	24	-	-	-	2	1	2	1	3	-	5	5	-	1	4	4	3	-	24	24	-	24	
Swansey,	-	1,484	36	22	14	-	36	-	-	-	4	2	4	2	2	5	2	1	1	6	4	3	-	36	36	-	36		
Taunton, ⁹	-	7,645	191	102	88	2	192	1	-	2	18	13	15	20	5	13	17	12	12	19	27	17	4	192	185	6	191		
Westport, ¹⁰	-	2,820	80	45	37	-	82	2	1	3	1	11	6	11	6	3	7	7	7	2	10	11	-	82	79	1	80		
19 Towns,	-	60,165	1811	938	874	13	1825	14	9	19	3	153	107	125	184	125	115	171	148	137	172	199	169	20	1825	1740	71	1811	

1 Seventy-eight births, besides three still-	3 Four with mother's name only.	includes 25 in May '44.	8 Names of mothers not stated.
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⁶ Return not signed by the town clerk.

7 One case of parents "unknown."

¹ Seventy-eight births, besides three still-born, of which two were twins, in February. **Mother's** name often omitted.

Besides "three births not on record,"

^a Names of mothers not stated.

9 One child found in the river.

¹⁰ One with mother's name only.

includes 25 in May '44.

⁶ Return not signed by the town clerk.
includes 20 in May 18.

7 One case of parents "unknown."

Four with mother's name only.

Five with mother's name only.

Three with "no father." The 56 in May

Seventy-eight births, besides three still-	3
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born, of which two were twins, in Feb-

ruary. **Mother's name** often omitted.

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THIRD REGISTRATION REPORT.

TOWNS.	Census, 1840.	CHILDREN BORN.				PLURALITY CASES.		MONTHS.												OCCUPATION OF FATHER.								
		Births.	Males.	Females.	Not sta- ted.	Total.	No.	Males.	Females.	Stillborn.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	Not sta'd.	Total.	Stated.	Not sta- ted.	Total.	
Abington, -	3,214	113	66	47	-	113	-	-	-	-	14	10	13	7	5	8	6	9	10	10	7	14	113	111	2	113	113	
Bridgewater, ¹ -	2,131	43	22	22	-	44	1	-	2	-	2	2	3	5	6	5	5	6	4	3	3	1	3	44	43	-	43	43
Carver, ² -	995	35	16	19	-	35	-	-	-	-	3	2	4	3	2	3	5	1	3	1	2	6	35	34	1	35	35	
Duxbury, -	2,798	33	16	16	1	33	-	-	-	-	2	2	4	3	7	2	1	5	5	2	2	-	33	33	-	33	33	
East Bridgewater, ³	1,950	30	12	17	1	30	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	4	5	4	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	30	30	-	30	30
Halifax, -	734	30	13	17	-	30	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	5	4	2	4	4	-	3	5	2	4	41	41	-	41	41
Hanover, ⁴ -	1,488	41	21	20	-	41	-	-	-	-	4	5	2	5	1	3	2	3	3	3	7	4	4	41	41	-	41	41
Hingham, ⁵ -	3,564	93	46	48	-	94	1	-	2	-	3	8	8	10	9	8	12	9	5	5	8	6	94	92	1	93	93	
Hull, -	231	3	2	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	3	-	3	3	
Kingston, ⁶ -	1,440	34	18	17	-	35	1	-	2	-	2	3	2	5	3	1	4	5	3	3	4	-	35	32	2	34	34	
Marshfield, ⁷ -	1,761	44	24	23	-	47	3	4	2	-	5	3	4	4	5	5	2	4	4	4	4	3	47	43	1	44	44	
N. Bridgewater, ⁸	2,616	93	45	51	-	96	1	1	3	-	7	5	7	11	10	11	7	7	8	9	10	4	96	93	-	93	93	
Pembroke, -	1,258	17	8	9	-	17	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	1	3	2	2	3	1	1	-	17	17	-	17	17	
Plymouth, ⁹ -	5,281	151	54	56	41	151	-	-	-	-	9	16	19	11	15	13	8	7	14	13	4	12	151	10	141	151	151	
Plymouth, ¹⁰	834	23	8	16	-	24	1	-	2	-	2	2	-	2	4	2	3	1	1	1	2	4	24	23	-	23	23	
Scituate, -	3,886	86	46	35	7	88	2	4	-	-	8	6	5	9	7	8	6	9	5	10	7	8	88	83	3	86	86	
Wareham, ¹¹ -	2,002	65	33	32	-	65	-	-	-	-	6	5	5	5	7	5	5	4	3	7	8	5	65	64	1	65	65	
W. Bridgewater, -	1,201	30	17	14	-	31	1	1	1	-	5	1	2	-	2	3	4	6	1	3	4	-	31	30	-	30	30	
18 Towns, -	37,384	964	467	460	50	977	11	10	14	-	75	74	79	89	94	87	70	87	79	79	79	75	10	977	812	152	964	964
Hanson, -	1,040	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Middleborough, -	5,085	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rochester, -	3,864	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21 Towns, -	47,373	964	467	460	50	977	11	10	14	-	75	74	79	89	94	87	70	87	79	79	79	75	10	977	812	152	964	964

¹ May 1 altered to June 1, '44, on the return.

² One with mother's name only.

³ Besides one not registered at the time of making the return. "Very nearly all the births."

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BARNSTABLE COUNTY.

Brewster, ¹	-	-	1,522	30	17	14	-	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	5	1	4	2	3	1	2	31	29	1	30
Chatham,	-	-	2,334	75	35	39	1	75	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	3	7	5	4	4	8	4	75	75	-	75
Dennis,	-	-	2,942	62	30	32	-	62	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	6	2	3	1	1	3	1	62	62	-	62
Eastham,	-	-	955	17	8	9	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	-	-	1	1	-	17	17	-	17
Falmouth,	-	-	2,589	71	40	32	-	72	1	2	-	-	-	-	5	7	3	7	5	5	6	5	72	71	-	71
Harwich,	-	-	2,930	87	42	45	-	87	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	12	11	4	12	5	7	7	87	87	-	87
Orleans,	-	-	1,974	34	18	16	-	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	4	3	5	3	-	1	-	34	33	-	34
Provincetown,	-	-	2,122	73	35	41	-	76	3	4	2	-	-	-	14	10	1	6	2	5	7	7	76	73	-	73
Sandwich,	-	-	3,719	110	51	61	-	112	2	3	1	-	-	-	16	9	9	8	9	6	9	11	112	110	-	110
Wellfleet, ²	-	-	2,377	58	35	23	1	59	1	1	1	-	-	-	5	11	4	4	1	4	5	3	59	57	1	58
Yarmouth,	-	-	2,554	72	43	26	6	75	3	2	4	-	-	-	3	7	1	10	1	3	4	6	75	69	3	72
11 Towns,	-	-	20,018	689	354	338	8	700	11	13	9	1	50	75	52	77	82	76	44	56	52	38	52	683	6	689
Barnstable, ³	-	-	4,301	8	4	4	-	8	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	8	8	-	8
Truro, ⁴	-	-	1,920	36	9	8	19	36	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	2	3	2	3	2	-	-	36	17	19	36
13 Towns,	-	-	32,239	733	367	350	27	744	11	13	9	1	53	79	55	79	85	79	47	59	53	38	46	708	25	733
Marshpee,	-	-	309																							
14 Towns,	-	-	32,548	733	367	350	27	744	11	13	9	1	53	79	55	79	85	79	47	59	53	38	46	708	25	733

¹ One with mother's name only.² One with mother's name only.³ "The school committee have made no return."⁴ Town clerk says; "The number was 36; for want of room in the blank, 17 only can be entered."

DUKES COUNTY.

Towns.	Census, 1840.	Births.	CHILDREN BORN.				PLURALITY CASES.			MONTHS.												OCCUPATION OF FATHER.							
			Males.	Females.	Not sta- ted.	Total.	No.	Males.	Females.	Stillborn.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	Not sta- ted.	Total.	Stated.	Not sta- ted.	Total.		
Chilmark, . . .	702	10	5	5	-	10	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	5	-	10	10	-	-	10
Edgartown, ¹ . .	1,736	28	16	14	-	30	1	-	3	2	1	5	2	5	-	3	3	2	2	3	-	2	-	30	28	-	-	28	
Tisbury, . . .	1,520	51	30	23	-	53	2	2	2	8	5	7	2	9	2	2	1	1	4	6	7	1	-	53	51	-	-	51	
3 Towns, . . .	3,958	89	51	42	-	93	3	2	5	12	7	12	5	14	5	4	4	0	9	7	7	8	-	93	80	-	-	80	

¹ One triplet case, Sept. 1843.

NANTUCKET COUNTY.

Nantucket, ¹ . . .	9,012	207	108	100	-	208	1	2	-	-	6	17	15	18	25	11	18	16	22	20	15	25	208	204	3	207
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¹ Two with mother's name only, and one without father's or mother's name.

2.—RECAPITULATION OF THE RETURNS from Two Hundred and Sixty-three Towns, by Counties.

Counties.	No. Towns.	Census, 1840.	CHILDREN BORN.			PLURALITY CASES.			MONTHS.												OCCUPATION OF FATHER.							
			Births.	Total.		No.	Females.		May.	June.	July.	August.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	Not stated.	Total.	Stated.	Not stated.	Total.			
				Males.	Females.		Males.	Females.																				
Suffolk,	1	2,390	111	55	51	5	111	-	-	-	10	7	10	9	5	10	6	8	12	12	9	10	3	111	-	111	111	
Essex,	24	61,513	1564	803	761	14	1578	14	15	13	3	129	120	141	152	131	160	122	135	135	116	126	107	4	1578	1551	13	1564
Middlesex,	42	99,378	2779	1356	1331	110	2797	18	20	16	1	205	239	216	254	252	240	219	225	234	216	225	247	25	2797	2607	172	2779
Worcester,	49	83,240	2265	1159	1102	25	2286	22	16	26	17	162	168	201	188	179	158	201	219	208	186	207	200	9	2286	2204	61	2265
Hampshire,	18	24,565	622	317	289	22	628	6	9	3	2	47	47	46	55	62	72	43	44	52	40	53	65	2	628	586	35	621
Hampden,	12	30,405	749	392	365	8	755	5	7	4	-	52	56	60	79	60	52	76	59	54	65	64	72	6	755	722	27	749
Franklin,	24	25,290	570	294	276	4	574	4	7	1	-	56	42	47	67	54	38	50	25	40	62	34	49	10	574	561	9	570
Berkshire,	23	20,475	680	353	323	13	689	9	11	7	-	65	47	53	49	54	62	66	59	43	81	57	52	1	689	630	50	680
Norfolk,	18	44,526	1340	686	650	6	1342	2	2	2	-	116	117	102	121	138	115	199	96	99	117	116	101	5	1342	1271	69	1340
Bristol,	19	60,165	1811	938	874	13	1825	14	9	19	3	153	107	125	184	125	115	171	148	137	172	199	169	20	1825	1740	71	1811
Plymouth,	18	37,384	964	467	460	50	977	11	10	14	-	75	74	79	89	94	87	70	87	79	79	79	75	10	977	812	152	964
Barnstable,	11	26,018	689	354	338	8	700	11	13	9	1	50	75	52	77	82	76	44	56	52	38	52	46	-	700	683	6	689
Dukes,	3	3,968	89	51	42	-	93	3	2	5	-	12	7	12	5	14	5	4	4	6	9	7	8	-	93	89	-	89
Nantucket,	1	9,012	207	108	100	-	208	1	2	-	-	6	17	15	18	25	11	18	16	22	20	15	25	-	208	204	3	207
Total,	263	537,319	14,440	7333	6902	278	14,563	120	123	119	27	1138	1123	1159	1347	1275	1201	1189	1181	1173	1213	1243	1226	95	14,563	13,660	779	14,439

3.—RECAPITULATION OF RETURNS FROM TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT TOWNS, BY COUNTIES.

COUNTIES.	No. Towns.	Census, 1840.	CHILDREN BORN.				PLURALITY CASES.		MONTHS.												OCCUPATION OF FATHER.							
			Births.	Males.		Total.	Females.	Stillborn.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	Not stated.	Total.	Stated.	Not stated.	Total.			
				Males.	Females.																							
Suffolk,	1	2,390	111	55	15	111	5	111	7	10	9	13	153	131	160	122	135	135	116	12	9	10	3	111	.	111	111	
Essex,	25	76,595	1567	804	763	14	1581	14	15	13	3	129	120	143	153	131	160	122	135	126	107	4	1581	1554	13	1567		
Middlesex,	46	105,248	2796	1365	1338	11	2814	18	20	16	1	207	241	216	255	253	242	221	226	235	217	227	249	25	2814	2624	172	2796
Worcester,	54	93,559	2290	1172	1114	25	2311	22	16	26	17	165	172	204	189	180	161	202	221	211	186	208	203	9	2311	2224	66	2290
Hampshire,	20	26,653	636	322	298	22	642	6	9	3	2	48	48	48	56	62	73	45	46	53	42	53	66	2	642	600	35	635
Hampden,	16	34,733	754	383	369	8	760	5	7	4	4	52	56	60	80	60	53	77	59	54	65	65	72	7	760	727	27	754
Franklin,	25	26,900	572	294	278	4	576	4	7	1	1	56	42	47	67	55	38	50	25	40	63	34	49	10	576	562	9	572
Berkshire,	26	33,391	714	362	330	31	723	9	11	7	1	68	50	54	50	55	63	66	63	43	81	57	54	19	723	635	79	714
Norfolk,	21	51,649	1389	711	675	6	1392	3	3	3	3	120	121	106	125	143	119	102	103	102	117	107	5	1392	1320	69	1389	
Bristol,	19	60,165	1811	938	874	13	1825	14	9	19	3	153	107	125	184	125	115	171	148	137	172	199	169	20	1825	1740	71	1811
Plymouth,	18	37,384	964	467	460	50	977	11	10	14	7	75	74	79	89	94	87	70	87	79	79	75	10	977	812	152	964	
Barnstable,	13	32,239	733	367	350	27	744	11	13	9	1	53	79	55	79	85	79	47	59	53	38	52	46	19	744	708	25	733
Dukes,	3	3,958	89	51	42	.	93	3	2	5	2	12	7	12	5	14	5	4	4	6	9	7	8	.	93	89	.	89
Nantucket,	1	9,012	207	108	100	.	208	1	2	.	.	9	17	15	18	25	11	18	16	22	20	15	25	.	208	204	3	207
Total,	288	593,876	14,633	7399	7042	316	14,757	121	124	120	27	1154	1174	1359	1287	1216	1201	1200	1182	1222	1248	1240	133	14,757	13800	832	14,632	
	263	537,319	14,440	7323	6962	278	14,563	120	123	119	27	1138	1153	1159	1347	1275	1201	1189	1181	1173	1213	1243	1226	95	14,563	13660	779	14,489
	25	56,557	193	76	80	38	194	1	1	1	1	16	18	15	12	12	15	12	19	9	5	14	38	194	140	53	193	

No Returns of Births have been received from *Boston*, in Suffolk County; from *Beverly*, *Haverhill* and *Lynn*, in Essex County; from *West Cambridge*, in Middlesex County; from *Winchendon*, in Worcester County; from *Belchertown*, *Plainfield* and *Prescott*, in Hampshire County; from *Brimfield* and *Southwick*, in Hampden County; from *Derfield*, in Franklin County; from *Adams*, *Boston*, *Corner*, *Cheshire*, *Great Barrington* and *Windsor*, in Berkshire County; from *Walpole*, in Norfolk County; from *Hanson*, *Middleborough* and *Rockester*, in Plymouth County; and from *Marshepee*, in Barnstable County. The aggregate population of these 22 towns, in 1840, was 143,824.

4.—PLURALITY CASES.

COUNTIES.	Total Births.	No. Cases.	Males.	Females.	STILBORN.			Proportion of Plurality Cases to the whole number.	MONTHS.												Total.
					Males.	Females.	Sex not stated.		May.	June.	July.	August.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	
Suffolk, .	111	.	.	.	.	.	.	1 to 112	.	3	1	.	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	.	14
Essex, .	1567	14	15	13	.	.	.	156	.	1	1	4	1	3	.	2	1	3	1	.	18
Middlesex, .	2796	18	20	16	.	.	.	105	.	1	.	2	1	3	4	1	1	.	3	2	22
Worcester, .	2290	22	16	26	1	.	1	106	4	1	.	1	1	.	.	2	.	.	.	4	6
Hampshire, .	696	6	6	3	.	.	.	151	.	1	.	.	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	3	5
Hampden, .	754	5	7	4	.	.	.	143	.	.	1	1	1	1	.	.	.	1	.	1	4
Franklin, .	572	4	7	1	.	.	.	80	.	.	1	1	1	1	.	.	.	1	1	1	9
Berkshire, .	714	9	11	7	.	.	.	463	.	.	1	1	1	1	.	.	3	1	1	1	3
Norfolk, .	1389	3	3	3	.	.	.	130	2	.	1	1	2	1	1	3	1	1	.	2	14
Bristol, .	1811	14	9	19	.	.	.	88	1	.	1	1	1	1	.	4	1	2	1	1	11
Plymouth, .	964	11	10	14	.	.	.	67	1	.	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
Barnstable, .	733	11	13	9	.	.	.	30	1	.	1	.	1	.	1	1	1	1	.	1	3
Dukes, .	89	3	2	5	.	.	.	207	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
Nantucket, .	207	1	2	.	.	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Total, . . .	14,633	121	124	120	1	.	1	1 to 121	9	6	5	10	12	12	7	13	9	11	10	17	121

BIRTHS.

PLURALITY CASES—Continued.

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OCCUPATION OF THE FATHER.

COUNTIES.	Farmers.	Labourers.	Manners or Sailors.	Boot and Shoe makers.	Merchants or Traders.	Carpenters.	Blacksmiths.	Manufacturers.	Brickmakers.	Cabinet-makers.	Machinists.	Mechanics.	Ministers.	Tailors.	Wheelwrights.	Baker.	Block Printer.	Cotton Spinner.	Currier.	Dyer.	Fireman in Rolling Mill.	Gardener.	Gunsmith.	Inholder.	Operative in Woolen Fac.	Physician.	Printer.	Sailmaker.	Tin-plate Worker.	Whipmaker.	Not stated.	Total.	
Suffolk,	5		1	2		1	1	1	1	1																						14	
Essex,	3	2		3	2	1	1						1							1												18	
Middlesex,	9	3		2	1	1	1						1		1					1												22	
Worcester,	2	1			1			1																								6	
Hampshire,	2	1			1				1																							5	
Hampden,	4																															4	
Franklin,	4																															9	
Berkshire,	4	2																														3	
Norfolk,	4	1	2			1				1						1	1	1				1										14	
Bristol,	4	1	1		2	1	1																									11	
Plymouth,	3	1	1	4	1	1																										11	
Barnstable,	1		7																														3
Dukes,	1		1																														1
Nantucket,																																	
Total,	35	12	12	11	8	5	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	121	

NOTE.—If to the 121 cases there be added the two twin cases, one of 2 males and one of 2 females, in Middlesex County, and one case in which the sex is not stated, in Bristol County, which were stillborn, we shall have 124 Plurality cases returned, producing 252 children, of whom 127 were males, 122 females, and 3 whose sex is not stated.

TABLE II. MARRIAGES.—1. By Counties and Towns.

SUFFOLK COUNTY.

Towns.	Census, 1840.	Marriages.	CONDITION.				NUMBER AND AGGREGATE AGES.										MONTHS.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																						
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ESSEX COUNTY.

Amesbury,	2,471	11	.	1	20	22	2	.	.	1	1	3	2	2	2	2	.	11	
Andover,	5,207	19	7	2	20	38	2	2	3	1	1	2	2	2	3	1	2	19	
Boxford,	942	11	11	.	1	.	22	9	243	9	264	1	73	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	11
Bradford,	2,222	8	.	.	8	16	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	2	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	8
Brannford,	5,020	51	36	42	7	102	13	334	24	619	9	360	2	55	48	1368	6	7	1	1	6	7	1	1	3	4	6	9	1	5	4	51	
Danvers,	1,450	8	3	3	10	16	3	86	3	83	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	2	1	2	.	8
Essex,																																	

ESSEX COUNTY—Continued.

TOWNS.	Census, 1840.	CONDITION.				NUMBER AND AGGREGATE AGES.										MONTHS.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
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MIDDLESEX COUNTY—Continued.

Towns.	Cen-us, 1840.	Marriages.	CONDITION.				NUMBER AND AGGREGATE AGES.								MONTHS.												Total.					
			SINGLE.	WIDOWED.		Total.	BACH- ELOS.		MAIDS.		WID- OWERS.		WID- OWERS.		TOTAL.		May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.		March.	April.	Not stated.		
							No.	Years.	No.	Years.	No.	Years.	No.	Years.	No.	Years.																
Littleton,	927	9	-	-	-	12	12	7	176	10	224	3	108	-	-	20	508	-	26	23	13	92	18	2	1	1	1	1	1	6		
Lowell,	20,796	307	8	11	5	2	588	614	2	1	22	1	28	-	-	2	50	2	2	-	3	1	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	307		
Malden,	2,514	21	13	18	2	-	9	-	-	1	22	1	28	-	-	2	50	2	2	-	3	1	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	21		
Marlborough,	2,101	20	17	18	3	2	-	40	2	52	14	332	1	43	-	-	17	427	3	3	2	-	-	-	6	2	1	1	4	20		
Medford,	2,478	34	27	31	7	3	-	68	5	125	5	138	1	56	-	-	11	319	9	9	1	-	-	-	2	5	2	5	5	34		
Natick,	1,285	15	13	12	2	3	-	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	4	2	4	2	2	2	15		
Newton,	3,351	8	-	-	-	-	16	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	2	1	8		
Pepperell,	1,371	15	-	-	-	-	30	30	2	75	2	57	1	43	1	49	6	224	2	1	1	1	3	1	3	1	2	1	1	1	15	
Reading,	2,193	15	2	3	3	2	20	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	1	1	3	1	-	-	3	1	15		
Sherburne,	995	10	9	9	1	1	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	2	2	3	1	1	-	-	10	10		
Shirley,	957	7	7	7	-	-	-	11	4	100	4	96	-	-	-	-	8	196	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	3	1	7	7	
South Reading,	1,517	11	10	8	1	3	-	22	6	164	6	120	-	2	79	14	363	2	1	-	1	1	1	3	1	-	2	2	2	11	11	
Stoneham,	1,017	15	15	15	-	-	30	30	4	99	4	76	-	-	-	8	175	1	1	1	-	2	1	2	1	-	4	1	3	15	15	
Stow,	1,230	5	-	-	-	-	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	3	5	5	5	
Sudbury,	1,422	12	8	11	3	1	1	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	1	1	-	2	1	1	-	1	3	1	12	12	
Tewksbury,	906	2	1	2	1	-	-	4	1	22	2	60	-	-	-	-	-	3	82	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	2	2	2
Townsend,	1,892	7	6	7	1	-	-	14	1	21	1	22	-	-	-	2	43	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	7	7	7
Tyngsborough,	870	7	3	5	-	-	6	14	2	58	2	60	-	-	-	4	118	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	2	2	7	7	7
Waltham,	2,504	27	24	25	1	-	4	54	3	73	3	68	-	-	-	6	141	5	1	-	3	2	4	1	3	5	-	3	3	27	27	27
Watertown, ^a	1,810	21	13	16	3	1	9	42	2	44	2	41	-	-	-	4	85	1	2	2	3	1	3	2	1	1	3	2	2	21	21	21
Wayland,	998	2	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	2	2
Westford,	1,436	4	3	3	1	1	-	8	2	46	2	40	-	-	-	4	86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	4	4	4

	1,092	7	4	4	1	1	4	14	1	27	1	22	1	46	1	47	4	142	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	2	-	1	1	1	-	7
Weston, . . .	1,092	7	4	4	1	1	4	2	12	2	61	2	43	-	-	-	4	104	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	1	-	6
Wilmington, . .	859	6	4	5	1	1	2	12	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	104	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	6
Woburn, . . .	2,933	33	25	27	2	-	12	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	-	2	2	1	4	3	3	3	3	6	-	33
46 Towns, . . .	10,524	949	311	348	53	27	1159	1898	77	1978	99	2337	11	436	6	231	193	4982	91	74	30	56	56	100	136	82	92	76	51	103	2	949
West Cambridge, .	1,363																															
47 Towns, . . .	10,661	949	311	348	53	27	1159	1898	77	1978	99	2337	11	436	6	231	193	4982	91	74	30	56	56	100	136	82	92	76	51	103	2	949

¹ "Supposed to be all that have been married in town the year ending May 1, 1944," besides others belonging to the town, supposed to have been married elsewhere.

* Return not signed by the town clerk.

WORCESTER COUNTY.

Ashburnham,	1,652	18	1	2	1	-	32	36	1	23	2	45	1	33	-	-	4	101	3	1	1	2	2	1	4	2	-	1	1	-	18		
Athol,	1,591	15	14	15	1	-	-	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	1	1	2	-	1	1	-	15		
Auburn,	649	4	4	4	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	1	-	-	1	4	-	4		
Barre,	2,751	19	17	19	2	-	-	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	-	1	1	3	2	2	1	1	1	2	-	19	
Berlin,	763	1	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1		
Bolton,	1,186	5	-	-	-	-	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	98	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	
Boylston,	797	11	10	11	1	-	-	22	2	45	5	136	-	-	-	-	7	171	3	1	1	2	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	11	
Brookfield,	2,472	8	7	7	1	1	-	16	1	27	1	24	-	-	-	-	2	51	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	
Charlton,	2,117	16	-	-	-	-	32	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	489	1	1	-	3	-	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	16	
Dana,	691	4	4	4	-	-	-	8	1	26	2	39	-	-	-	-	3	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	
Douglas,	1,617	3	3	3	-	-	-	6	1	22	1	23	-	-	-	-	2	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	
Dudley,	1,352	6	5	5	1	1	-	12	1	26	3	77	1	66	-	-	5	166	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	
Fitchburg,	2,604	25	12	22	4	1	11	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	3	2	5	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Gardner,	1,940	14	10	13	4	1	-	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	1	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	
Grafton,	2,943	36	34	32	2	4	-	72	23	595	13	280	2	126	2	84	40	1085	4	4	1	4	10	4	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	36

WORCESTER COUNTY—Continued.

TOWNS.	Census, 1840.	CONDITION.				NUMBER AND AGGREGATE AGES.										MONTHS.																
		SINGLE.		WIDOWED.	BACH- ELOS.		MAIDS.		WID- OWERS.		WID- OWERS.		TOTAL.		May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Not stated.	Total.				
		Bachelors.	Maids.		Widowers.	Widows.	Total.	No.	Years.	No.	Years.	No.	Years.	No.															Years.	No.	Years.	
Hardwick, . . .	1,789	6	6	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	98	1	1	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	6		
Harvard, . . .	1,571	8	2	-	16	1	28	2	45	1	25	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	8	
Holden, . . .	1,874	16	13	4	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	-	16	
Hubbardston, . .	1,781	14	11	1	28	4	100	11	254	1	44	1	30	-	17	425	-	3	2	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	14	
Lancaster, . . .	2,019	16	13	3	32	1	24	2	48	1	42	-	-	-	4	111	-	6	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	-	-	16	
Leicester, . . .	1,707	8	7	1	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	
Leominster, . . .	2,063	17	3	6	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	5	1	5	1	5	1	5	1	-	-	17	
Lunenburg, . . .	1,272	5	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	
Mendon, ² . . .	3,324	19	-	1	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	1	3	1	4	4	4	4	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	19
Millford, ³ . . .	1,773	19	6	1	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	2	2	1	4	3	3	3	1	2	1	2	1	3	19	
Millbury, . . .	2,171	20	18	1	40	3	85	2	46	-	-	-	-	-	5	131	4	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	6	-	-	20	
New Braintree, .	752	3	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	2	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	
Northborough, .	1,248	15	-	-	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	2	4	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	15	
Northbridge, . .	1,449	13	1	-	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	-	-	13
North Brookfield,	1,485	13	12	1	26	3	68	7	138	-	-	-	-	-	10	206	2	2	1	1	-	2	2	2	2	1	1	3	3	-	-	13
Oakham, . . .	1,038	9	7	1	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	9	
Oxford, . . .	1,742	12	8	2	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	12	
Paxton, . . .	670	10	10	9	24	4	94	5	98	-	-	-	-	-	9	192	-	1	-	2	1	-	3	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	10	
Petersham, . . .	1,775	11	8	10	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	143	2	1	-	1	-	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	-	-	11	
Phillipston, . . .	919	8	8	-	16	3	76	3	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	8	
Princeton, . . .	1,347	11	8	10	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	-	-	11	
Royalston, . . .	1,667	9	7	9	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	-	-	11	

Rutland,	1,260	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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¹ The return states there were 53 publications in Grafton.

² Return not signed by town clerk.

³ Name and surname of one bride omitted.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.

Amherst, . . .	2,550	17	12	14	5	3	-	34	12	349	14	339	5	125	3	120	34	993	1	2	-	2	1	2	3	2	1	-	1	2	-	17
Belchertown, . .	2,554	24	-	1	1	46	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	2	2	-	16	24	4	
Chesterfield, . .	1,132	4	4	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	24	4	
Cummington, . .	1,237	12	11	11	1	1	-	24	1	24	1	20	-	-	-	-	2	44	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	3	-	2	-	12	12	
Easthampton, . .	717	5	3	5	2	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	5	7	
Enfield, . . .	976	7	7	7	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	2	-	1	-	7	7	

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY—Continued.

TOWNS.	Census, 1840.	Marriages.	CONDITION.				NUMBER AND AGGREGATE AGES.								MONTHS.																	
			SINGLE.		WIDOWED.		BACH- ELORS.		WID- OWERS.		WID- OWERS.		TOTAL.		May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Not stated.	Total.				
			Bachelors.	Maids.	Widowers.	Widows.	Not stated.	Total.	No.	Years.	No.	Years.	No.	Years.															No.	Years.	No.	Years.
Goshen, -	556	1	1	1	1	2	1	26	2	44	1	50	1	4	120	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Granby, -	971	6	3	5	3	1	12	1	2	40	1	50	1	3	63	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Greenwich, -	824	5	5	5	5	5	10	23	2	44	1	50	1	10	261	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Hadley, -	1,814	8	5	8	3	3	16	5	145	5	116	1	10	261	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Hatfield, -	933	4	1	1	1	1	8	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Middlefield, -	1,717	10	1	1	1	1	20	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Norhampton, -	3,750	12	1	1	1	1	24	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Norwich, -	750	9	9	9	9	9	18	48	4	75	1	75	1	6	123	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Pelham, -	956	6	1	1	1	1	12	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Southampton, -	1,157	9	5	7	2	4	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
South Hadley, -	1,458	11	5	8	3	2	22	2	50	5	118	1	52	1	46	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Ware, -	1,890	15	1	1	1	1	30	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Westhampton, -	759	4	3	4	1	1	8	3	66	4	106	1	50	1	8	222	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Williamsburg, -	1,309	6	4	5	2	1	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Worthington, -	1,197	5	5	5	5	5	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
21 Towns, -	29,207	180	81	98	24	9	148	360	27	731	37	858	8	337	4	166	76	2092	17	18	3	11	9	14	18	19	22	7	8	15	19	180
Plainfield, -	910																															
Prescott, -	780																															
23 Towns, -	30,897	180	81	98	24	9	148	360	27	731	37	858	8	337	4	166	76	2092	17	18	3	11	9	14	18	19	22	7	8	15	19	180

HAMPDEN COUNTY.

Blandford, -	1,427	7	4	6	3	1	.	14	1	24	2	46	2	73	1	28	6	171	.	1	.	.	.	1	1	2	1	.	1	.	7	
Brimfield, -	1,419	8	6	8	2	.	.	16	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	1	.	.	.	1	1	.	2	.	2	8
Chester, ¹ -	1,632	6	5	6	1	.	.	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	1	2	1	.	2	6
Granville, -	1,414	7	7	7	.	.	.	14	2	57	2	47	.	.	.	.	4	104	.	2	.	.	.	.	2	1	2	1	.	7
Holland, -	423	6	.	.	.	.	.	12	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	41	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	6
Longmeadow, -	1,270	7	7	7	.	.	.	14	.	.	2	41	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	8
Ludlow, ² -	1,268	8	8	8	.	.	.	16	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	11
Monson, -	2,151	11	11	11	.	.	.	22	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	55	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	1
Montgomery, -	740	1	1	1	.	.	.	2	1	30	1	25	.	.	.	.	2	55	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	1
Palmer, -	2,139	9	.	9	.	.	.	9	18	2	41	1	.	.	.	9	9	1	
Russell, ³ -	955	1	2	2	2	41	1	.	.	.	9	9	1	
Springfield, -	10,985	73	3	28	1	2	114	146	.	.	1	24	1	43	.	.	2	67	11	6	3	3	3	3	10	4	6	2	5	8	73	
Tolland, -	627	7	14	14	2	41	1	1	2	1	.	.	1	7
Wales, -	686	6	5	6	1	.	12	12	3	72	4	92	1	29	.	.	8	193	1	1	.	1	.	3	1	6
Westfield, -	3,526	27	23	26	4	1	51	51	1	24	1	19	2	43	5	2	1	6	3	2	2	1	1	4	.	27	27	
West Springfield, -	3,626	29	58	58	6	154	8	.	2	1	1	4	2	2	1	2	3	.	29	
16 Towns, -	24,288	213	80	123	12	4	207	426	8	207	13	294	4	145	1	28	34	869	31	15	7	13	11	21	27	16	12	5	20	25	10	213
Southwick, -	1,214	213
Wilbraham, -	1,864	213
18 Towns, -	37,366	213	80	123	12	4	207	426	8	207	13	294	4	145	1	28	34	869	31	15	7	13	11	21	27	16	12	5	20	25	10	213

the reason probably is, that the persons who solemnized the marriages made returns to the clerks of the towns where they reside."

they return."

just say, that our local situation being so near the state of "steady habits," that many of those that belong to our town pass over the line, and generally find it very convenient to stop before

1) There were 14 publications in Chester during the year.

THIRD REGISTRATION REPORT.

Towns.	Census, 1840.	CONDITION.				NUMBER AND AGGREGATE AGES.										MONTHS.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																														
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Ashfield,	1,610	5	3	4	2	1	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	

BERKSHIRE COUNTY—Continued.

TOWNS.	Census, 1840.	CONDITION.				NUMBER AND AGGREGATE AGES.								MONTHS.																	
		SINGLE.		WIDOWED.		BACH- ELORS.		MAIDS.		WID- OWERS.		WID- OWS.		TOTAL.		May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Not stated.	Total.		
		Bachelors.	Maids.	Widowers.	Widows.	Total.	Years.	No.	Years.	No.	Years.	No.	Years.	No.	Years.															No.	
Otis, -	1,177	10	•	•	•	20	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	1	2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	10
Peru, -	576	1	1	•	•	2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	1
Pittsfield, -	3,747	1	•	•	•	2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	1
Richmond, ⁴	1,097	4	•	•	•	8	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	4
Sandisfield, -	1,464	13	10	11	3	2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	13
Savoy, -	915	3	2	3	1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	3
Sheffield, -	2,322	7	6	1	1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	7
Stockbridge, -	1,992	2	•	1	•	2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	2
Tyringham, -	1,477	6	•	•	•	18	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	9
Washington, -	991	2	1	1	1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	2
W. Stockbridge, ⁵	1,448	8	5	8	1	2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	8
Williamstown, -	3,153	2	2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	2
25 Towns, -	34,585	135	59	75	17	7	112	270	16,396½	31	732½	6	222	5	109	66	1661	14	7	5	6	12	10	16	19	14	10	6	13	3	135
Adams, -	3,703	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Boston Corner, -	65	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Cheshire, -	985	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Clarksburg, -	370	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Lanesborough, -	1,140	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Windsor, -	897	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
31 Towns, -	41,745	135	59	75	17	7	112	270	16,396½	31	732½	6	222	5	109	66	1661	14	7	5	6	12	10	16	19	14	10	6	13	3	135

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Return "not full, as more have been published."

Town clerk says ; "as we live upon the border town, many pass over the line into New York state, and thereby evade the law."

Very imperfect," says the town clerk.

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1 "Very imperfect," says the town clerk.

2 Return "not full, as more have been published."

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NORFOLK COUNTY.

Bellingham,	-	1,055	7	5	7	2	.	.	28	14	1	28½	5,133½	6	103½	.	.	1	.	1	.	1	.	3	7	
Braintree,	-	2,108	14	5	7	3	1	1	16	28	1	31	2,46	2	101	1	54	.	6	232	2	1	2	.	3	4	1	1	1	14	
Brookline,	-	1,365	8	7	10	1	2	14	34	34	2	65	2,41	.	.	.	.	4	106	1	2	3	2	1	3	3	1	1	1	17
Canton,	-	1,995	17	14	15	2	1	.	32	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	4	1	1	5	1	5	1	3	16
Cohasset,	-	1,471	16	14	15	2	1	.	32	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	4	1	1	3	1	4	3	3	31
Dedham,	-	3,290	31	30	29	1	2	.	62	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	115	1	1	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	21
Dorchester,	-	4,875	21	.	.	.	.	42	42	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	24	.	.	1	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
Dover,	-	520	1	1	1	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	1	24	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
Foxborough,	-	1,298	11	9	11	2	.	.	22	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Franklin,	-	1,717	10	.	.	.	.	20	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
Medfield,	-	883	6	4	5	1	.	2	12	.	.	27	1	40	.	.	.	2	67	2	1	2	2	.	.	2	4	.	3	25	
Medway,	-	2,043	25	18	24	3	1	4	50	1	27	1	40	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	11
Milton,	-	1,822	11	.	.	.	.	22	22	.	.	3	91	4,105	.	1	32	8	228	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	9
Milton,	-	1,488	9	6	8	3	1	.	18	18	3	91	4,105	.	1	36	1	30	2	66	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	23	
Needham,	-	3,486	23	12	20	5	3	6	46	.	.	.	.	.	1	36	1	30	2	66	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	32
Quincy,	-	3,213	32	.	.	.	.	.	64	64	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	54	4	1	2	.	.	2	4	1	2	26
Randolph,	-	9,089	26	1	1	.	.	.	50	52	1	29	1	25	.	.	.	.	2	54	4	1	2	.	.	2	4	1	2	18
Roxbury,	-	1,076	9	7	8	1	1	1	18	4	1	2	.	.	2	4	1	2	2	32
Sharon,	-	2,142	35	70	70	4	1	2	.	.	2	4	1	2	2	26
Stoughton,	-	3,738	32	20	23	2	1	18	61	4	1	2	.	.	2	4	1	2	2	35
Weymouth,	-	2,915	16	.	14	2	1	15	32	4	1	2	.	.	2	4	1	2	2	32
Wrentham,	-	51,649	360	139	183	28	14	356	720	720	.	9,271½	16,414½	3	137	3	116	35	105½	46	34	11	9	26	31	49	28	34	23	360	
21 Towns,	-	1,491	360
Walpole,	-	53,140	360	139	183	28	14	356	720	720	.	9,271½	16,414½	3	137	3	116	35	105½	46	34	11	9	26	31	49	28	34	23	360	
22 Towns,	-	1,491	360

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		Bachelors.	Maids.	Widowers.	Widows.	Not stated.	Total.	No.	Years.	No.	Years.	No.	Years.														
Attleborough, -	3,585	23	25	2	.	16	66	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7	3	1	.	4	2	3	4	6	1	2	.	33
Berkley, -	886	3	4	1	.	.	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	2	3	2	6	2	6	1	2	2	.	4	
Dartmouth, -	4,135	29	33	4	.	.	66	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	3	1	3	2	2	1	4	1	2	2	2	33
Dighton, -	1,378	19	17	.	.	21	38	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	3	1	1	2	1	2	1	4	1	2	.	19	
Easton, -	2,074	8	.	1	.	15	16	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	1	1	.	2	1	1	1	1	1	8	
Fairhaven, ¹ -	3,951	10	5	3	.	5	20	1	25	2	41	.	3	66	.	.	.	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	10
Fall River, ² -	6,738	81	11	7	5	1	138	162	3	61	4	2	2	61	4	3	5	4	7	10	4	6	9	3	1	2	81
Freetown, -	1,772	5	4	5	1	.	10	3	87	2	46	1	43	6	176	.	.	3	3	5	2	2	.	.	.	5	
Mansfield, -	1,382	10	.	.	.	20	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	10	
New Bedford, -	12,087	131	4	19	3	5	231	262	.	.	.	.	.	.	12	13	10	12	11	14	14	7	5	10	13	.	131
Norton, -	1,545	3	2	1	1	.	6	1	26	1	23	1	38	4	134	.	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	3
Pawincket, -	2,184	14	.	.	.	28	28	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	2	1	4	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	14
Raynham, -	1,929	12	10	10	.	4	24	1	115	.	2	1	5	115	.	.	1	1	3	3	1	2	1	2	1	3	12
Rehoboth, -	2,169	16	.	.	.	32	32	.	146	1	1	2	2	146	1	1	1	1	4	3	2	1	2	4	2	16	
Seekonk, -	1,996	24	18	20	2	1	7	48	2	3	1	1	4	2	3	1	1	4	3	2	2	1	2	1	1	24	
Somerset, -	1,005	4	1	3	3	1	8	1	23	1	18	.	2	41	.	.	.	.	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	4	9
Swansey, -	1,484	9	9	9	.	.	18	.	.	.	.	.	1	33	5	4	10	5	2	5	3	6	6	4	3	57	
Taunton, -	7,645	57	19	22	4	69	114	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	6	4	4	3	1	10
Westport, -	2,820	10	9	10	1	.	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	1	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
19 Towns, -	60,165	483	147	193	31	9	586	966	7	185	11	240	4	163	1	38	25	772	39	39	46	36	32	32	35	23	483

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BARNSTABLE COUNTY.

Towns.	Census, 1840.	CONDITION.				NUMBER AND AGGREGATE AGES.										MONTHS.												Total.				
		SINGLE.		WIDOWED.		BACH- ELORS.		MAIDS.		WID- OWERS.		WID- OWS.		TOTAL.		May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.		Not stated.			
		Bachelors.	Maids.	Widowers.	Widows.	Total.	No.	Years.	No.	Years.	No.	Years.	No.	Years.	No.															Years.		
Barnstable,	-	21	13	13	21	
Brewster,	-	8	5	5	3	3	16	.	.	.	5	103	3	108	11	371	.	.	1	1	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8		
Chatham, ¹	-	18	14	16	4	2	36	12	278	15	330	4	180	2	73	33	861	4	1	2	1	.	.	2	5	2	3	1	1	18		
Dennis,	-	23	9	22	.	1	14	46	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	.	3	3	3	5	2	3	1	1	23
Eastham, ²	-	3	3	3	.	.	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Harwich,	-	19	.	.	2	4	32	38	.	.	.	.	2	94	4	145	34	867	2	2	1	1	1	3	1	4	.	2	1	19
Orleans,	-	23	20	21	3	2	46	12	301	17	373	3	83	2	65	34	822	1	2	3	.	1	1	7	2	3	1	1	2	23		
Provincetown,	-	25	21	22	4	3	50	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	2	3	.	1	4	6	4	1	1	1	1	25
Sandwich,	-	23	19	19	3	3	2	46	1	30	1	18	.	.	.	2	48	.	.	.	.	2	4	3	4	1	1	3	.	23
Truro, ³	-	12	11	11	1	1	.	24	11	264	11	229	1	27	1	25	24	545	.	.	.	1	1	1	4	1	3	1	1	12		
Wellfleet,	-	13	12	13	1	.	26	.	.	.	.	.	1	70	1	68	2	138	.	2	1	.	1	5	1	4	1	1	1	13
Yarmouth, ⁴	-	13	4	4	1	1	16	26	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	.	13
12 Towns,	-	201	131	149	22	20	80	402	36	873	49	1053	14	614	13	484	140	3652	13	10	14	7	12	19	32	26	23	18	14	12	1	201
Falmouth,	-																															
Marshpee,	-																															
14 Towns,	-	201	131	149	22	20	80	402	36	873	49	1053	14	614	13	484	140	3652	13	10	14	7	12	19	32	26	23	18	14	12	1	201

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² "It is the custom simply to hand in the names of the parties and the date of the marriage only."

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names of the parties and the date of the marriage only."

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riages in the town."

DUKES COUNTY.

Chilmark, ¹	-	-	702	5	5	.	.	.	10	293	1	1	2	1	.	5
Edgartown,	-	-	1,730	8	8	.	.	.	16	1	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	8
Tisbury,	-	-	1,526	21	.	1	3	38	42	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	.	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	21
3 Towns,	-	-	3,958	34	13	13	1	3	38	68	5	173	5	120	.	.	.	10	293	7	2	2	1	3	4	4	4	1	34

¹ Good return.

NANTUCKET COUNTY.

Nantucket, ¹ - - -	9,012	38	30	32	6	6	.	76	30	792	32	746	8	335	6	215	76	208	2	5	5	3	2	5	1	2	1	2	5	5	.	38
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¹ Good return.

2.—RECAPITULATION OF THE RETURNS FROM TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT TOWNS, BY COUNTIES.

COUNTIES.	CONDITION.			NUMBER AND AGGREGATE AGES.										MONTHS.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																
	No. of Towns.	Census, 1840.	Marriages.	SINGLE.		WIDOWED.			BACHELERS.		MAIDS.		WID-OWERS.		WID-OWERS.		TOTAL.		May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Not stated.	Total.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																														
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No returns of marriages have been received from *Boston*, in Suffolk county; from *Beverly* and *Lynn*, in Essex county; from *West Cambridge*, in Middlesex county; from *Plainfield* and *Prescott*, in Hampshire county; from *Southwick* and *Woburn*, in Hampden county; from *Deerfield*, in Franklin county; from *Adams*, *Roxton* *Cor-*
ner *Cheshire*, *Clarkburg*, *Lanesborough* and *Windsor*, in Berkshire county; from *Walpole*, in Norfolk county; from *Hanson*, *Middleborough* and *Rochester*, in Plymouth
county; and from *Falmouth* and *Marshepe*, in Barnstable county. The aggregate population of these 21 towns, in 1840, was 137,020.

TABLE III.—DEATHS.

SUFFOLK COUNTY.

TOWNS.	Census, 1840.	DEATHS.				MONTHS.																	
		Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Total.	MAY.			JUNE.			JULY.			AUG.			SEPT.			OCT.		
						Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.
Chelsea, . . .	2,390	60	27	1	88	2			3	1		6	4		2			12	7		6	1	
Boston, . . .	93,383																						
2 Towns, . .	95,773	60	27	1	88	2	.	.	3	1	.	6	4	.	2	.	.	12	7	.	6	1	.

ESSEX COUNTY.

Amesbury, . .	2,471	9	8	1	18	2	1			1					1			1	1	1	1
Andover, . .	5,207	29	35	1	65	2	3			1	4		3	1	1	7	5		3	5	1
Boxford, . .	942	4	3		7						1								1	1	3
Bradford, . .	2,222	17	16	1	34							1	1	1	1			1	2	3	1
Danvers, . .	5,020	38	48		86	3	5		3	6		1	6		3	4		7	2	1	2
Essex, . .	1,450	5	10		15							1	1		1				1	1	
Georgetown, .	1,540	10	8		18				3			1	1		2			1			
Gloucester, .	6,350	51	52	3	106	5	7		2	2		3	7		14	3	1	1	6	6	6
Hamilton, . .	818	4	14		18							1	1		1						
Haverhill, . .	4,336	20	37	21	78	1	6	1	1	5		1	2	2	2	3	2	2	1	6	2
Ipswich, . .	3,000	25	39		64	3			1	1		2	4		1	2		2	3	4	4
Lynnfield, . .	707	3	4		7					1			1					1		1	1
Manchester, .	1,355	15	13	1	29	2	2		2			1			2	2		1	2	1	1
Marblehead, .	5,575	55	56	4	115	5	5	1	5	2		5	4		3	6	1	4	5	5	5
Methuen, . .	2,251	18	10		28	1	1					2	1					1	1	2	
Middleton, . .	657	6	5		11										1	1				1	1
Newbury, . .	3,789	29	24	2	55	4	1		4	3		3	1		2	3		3		3	3
Newburyport, .	7,161	52	62		114	4	8		1	6		2	5		8	7		7	5	5	2
Rockport, . .	2,650	28	26		54	1	1		5	3		2	2		3	1		2	3	2	2
Rowley, . .	1,203	5	15		20				1			1	5		1				1		
Salem, . .	15,082	121	137	2	260	6	11		9	6		3	10		21	21		9	13	2	8
Salisbury, . .	2,739	11	17		28	2	3		2	3		1	3					1			2
Saugus, . .	1,098	8	7	6	21										1	1	2		1	1	
Topsfield, . .	1,059	9	11	1	21	2				2			1		2			1			
Wenham, . .	689	2	4		6					1			1		1						
West Newbury, .	1,560	7	7		14		1		1	2		1			2					2	
26 Towns, .	80,931	581	668	43	1292	40	61	2	40	50	.	34	58	4	70	69	.	64	85	10	49
Beverly, . .	4,689																				3
Lynn, . .	9,367																				
28 Towns, .	94,987	581	668	43	1292	40	61	2	40	50	.	34	58	4	70	69	.	64	85	10	49

1. *By Counties and Towns.*SUFFOLK COUNTY—*Continued.*

MONTHS.																					Number of Ages stated.	AGGREGATE OF AGES.			AVERAGE AGE.		
NOV.			DEC.			JAN.			FEB.			MARCH.			APRIL.			NOT STATED.				Total.	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.
Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.							
5	3		6	1		3	2		3	3		7	1		4	4		1		1	88	85	1744	6	12	20	6
5	3	.	6	1	.	3	2	.	3	3	.	7	1	.	4	4	.	1	.	1	88	85	1744	6	12	20	6

ESSEX COUNTY—*Continued.*

3	6		1	4	2		1	1		2	1		1	1		2	2					18	13	464	6	14	35	8							
			2	2			2	3		1	1		1	1		1	1					65	61	2421	2		39	8							
3			1	1			2	1		4			3			5	2					7	7	330	8	17	47	2							
2	7		6	4			2	3		5	5		2	3		3	1					34	34	1343	11	26	39	6							
	2		1	1			1	1		1	2		2			1						86	85	2318	7	25	27	3							
	1		1	1			1	1		2	2		1	4	1	2	4					15	15	890	3	29	59	4							
2	4		7	3			1	4		7	2		1	4	1	2	4					18	13	714	10		54	2							
1	1		1	1			2			1	1		2			1	3					106	104	2214	7	18	21	3							
6	5	1	2	3			1	1	6	2			3	1		1	1	2				18	16	793	8		49	7							
1	3		4	7			3	4		4	3		1	3		1	2					78	69	2551	5	6	37	11							
							1	1		1			1			1						64	61	2838	7	6	46	6							
							1	1		1			1	2		1						7	6	238			39	8							
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5	10		18	14			12	9		9	7		10	9		11	12					260	260	8442	1	27	32	5							
	3		1				2	1		1			2	1								28	26	1308			50	3							
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32	60	1	72	58		43	54	5	57	53	2	39	46	3	45	50	4	12	6	3	1292	1236	43,735	1	18	35	4								
32	60	1	72	58		43	54	5	57	53	2	39	46	3	45	50	4	12	6	3	1292	1236	43,735	1	18	35	4								

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

TOWNS.	Census, 1840.	DEATHS.				MONTHS.																		
		Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Total.	MAY.			JUNE.			JULY.			AUG.			SEPT.			OCT.			
						Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	
Acton, . .	1,121	9	6	7	22	1	2					2	1	1		1						1	1	
Ashby, . .	1,246	12	11		23	1	3		1			1	1	1		1			1		3			
Bedford, .	929	10	10		20				2			1		1	1			1						
Billerica, .	1,632	8	11	2	21	1			1			1		1	2	1	2	3						
Boxborough, .	426		1	4	5																			
Brighton, .	1,425	7	10		17		1					1	1		1	3		1				1		
Burlington, .	510	3	6		9										1	3								
Cambridge, .	8,409	57	67	15	139	2	8	1	4	5		1	2	1	15	9		2	6	5	1	6	11	2
Carlisle, .	556	3	5		8					1					1							1		
Charlesto'n, }	11,484	97	92	3	192	10	7		7	11		6	6		5	10		1	15	11		13	4	1
Somerville, }		4	4		8																	1	1	
Chelmsford, .	1,697	1	1		2										1									
Concord, .	1,784	8	15	2	25	1			1	1		1	4	1	2	2		1	2					
Dracut, . .	2,188	1	1		2					1														
Dunstable, .	603	6	3		9	1									1									
Framingham, .	3,030	20	24	6	50				2			2	2	1	2	2	1	3	2		2	1	2	
Groton, . .	2,139	18	24	2	44	3	3		1			1	1		3	2		3	4		1	1		
Holliston, .	1,782	9	15		24	2	1		2	1					4			2	2		2			
Hopkinton, .	2,245	6	5		11				1	1					2			1				1		
Lexington, .	1,642		2		2																			
Littleton, .	927	2	7		9	1																		
Lowell, . .	20,796	145	202	1	348	8	15		8	7		17	13		25	33		14	24		9	21	1	
Malden, . .	2,514	17	20		37	1	2		1	2					4	6		3	2		3	3		
Marlborough, .	2,101	17	13		30	1	2								1			1	4		3	3		
Medford, . .	2,478	8	17	19	44		3	1				4	1		2	3		1	3	2	3	2	3	
Natick, . .	1,285	11	9		20				1			1			3			2			3	1		
Newton, . .	3,351	12	18		30	1	1		2	2		1	2		1			2	2		2	3		
Pepperell, .	1,571	9	12		21				1	1		2			2			2			1			
Reading, . .	2,193	23	24		47	2	1		3	1		1	3		5	5		1	3		1			
Sherburne, .	995	6	8		14							1			1			1	1					
Shirley, . .	957	8	9		17				1			1						1	1		1	2		
S. Reading, .	1,517	16	26	2	44		1			2		3	2		3	2		1	2		3	3		
Stoneham, .	1,017	1	5		6				1									1						
Stow, . . .	1,230	7	6		13							1						1	3			1		
Sudbury, . .	1,422	10	4		14	2			2						1						1	1		
Tewksbury, .	906		5		5										1									
Townsend, .	1,892	13	11	1	25	2			1	2		2			1			1	1	1	3	3		
Tyngsboro', .	870	4	2		6		1														1			
Waltham, . .	2,504	15	18	10	43	3	1	1		1		2	2	1	1	3	4	3	4		1	2	1	
Watertown, .	1,810	14	17		31	2						1			2	4		2	2		3	1		
Wayland, . .	998	11	8		19	1						2	1		2	1					1	2		
Westford, . .	1,436	9	8		17	1	2			1		1	1		1	2		1	1		1			
Weston, . .	1,092	10	8		18				1	2		2	1		1	1		3				1		
Wilmington, .	859	3	7	2	12				1			2		1			1		1					
Woburn, . .	2,993	23	27		50	1	1		1	2			1		3	2		7	3			2		
45 Towns, .	104562	673	804	76	1553	48	57	3	40	50	52	52	7	87	108	14	78	92	4	63	75	12		
Lincoln, . .	686																							
W. Camb'dge, .	1,363																							
47 Towns, .	106611	673	804	76	1553	48	57	3	40	50	52	52	7	87	108	14	78	92	4	63	75	12		

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1	2	1	1	1	2			1	2	1	2	1	1	22	11	272	7		24	9							
3	1	1	1					1	1	1	1			23	23	932	9		40	6							
2		3						1		1				20	20	406	2		20	3							
		1	1		1							1		21	19	585	10	5	30	10							
														5	1	10	4		10	4							
				2		1		1	1	1	2			17	14	524	6		37								
		1		2				1			1			9	9	339	11	23	37	5							
8	4	3	2	7	1	4	1	3	4	7	3	4	2	139	129	3057	7	24	23	8							
			1	1		1			1		1			8	8	528			66								
8	7	1	9	8		7	7		4	13	8	4	5	192	191	4961	10	5	25	11							
		1	3		2									8	8	420			52	6							
			1											2	2	103	8	12	51	10							
		1	1					1	3		1			25	25	859	10	1	34	4							
														2	2	51			25	6							
2			1	1		1	1		1		2	1	2	9	8	422	10	21	52	7							
1	2		3	3		4	5	1	1	2	1	2	1	50	23	1110	1	19	48	3							
			2	2		1	2		2	3	1			44	42	1649	9		39	3							
1	1		1	1		2		1	1	1				24	24	544	2	22	22	8							
					1			1						11	11	409	8	20	37	2							
														2	2	142			71								
	2			1			3		1		1			9	8	535			66	10							
8	16		12	13		14	10		11	17	10	18	9	348	344	6591	6	19	19	1							
3	3		1		2	1		1	1		1		2	37	36	951	18		26	5							
4			3	1		3		1	2					30	30	925	14		30	10							
1		3	1	2	1	1	1	3			2	1		44	43	1195	7	25	27	9							
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1	1				2	3		2	2		1			21	19	883	1	12	46	5							
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1			1		2	2		1	1	1				14	14	637	1	4	45	6							
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			1	3	2	2		1	5	2	4			44	34	859	4	23	25	3							
	1							2		1	1			6	6	132	6	2	22	1							
2						2		1	1					13	13	654	7		50	4							
1	1			3	1			1						14	11	437	3	10	39	9							
														5	1		8			8							
1	1			1			2				1	2		25	25	939	7		37	7							
			1			1		1						6	6	370		29	61	8							
1	2		2		1	1		2		1				43	40	1011	6	16	25	3							
1	1		2	1		1	5	1	1	1				31	31	908	8	19	29	3							
					2									19	19	791	10		41	8							
1					2		1		1					17	16	516	6	3	32	3							
			2	1		1	1							18	18	993			55	2							
								1	1	1	2			12	4	249			62	3							
5	1		1	3		4	5		2		1			50	50	1374	5	7	27	5							
58	53	7	59	61	5	65	62	8	36	72	3	49	72	6	37	45	2	1	5	5	1553	1448	42,826	6	28	29	6
58	53	7	59	61	5	65	62	8	36	72	3	49	72	6	37	45	2	1	5	5	1553	1448	42,826	6	28	29	6

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Ashburnham, .	1,652	15	19		34																		
Athol, . . .	1,591	10	9		19	3																	
Auburn, . . .	649	4	3		7	1																	
Barre, . . .	2,751	22	21		43	3	1		2			1			5	1		3	4		3	2	
Berlin, . . .	763	7	9		16	1	1		1	1		1	1		1			1			1	2	
Bolton, . . .	1,186	10	15	1	26	1	1		1	1								1			1		
Boylston, . . .	797	4	5		9	1	1		1	1		1			1							1	
Charlton, . . .	2,117	20	23		43	1	1		1	1			2		1	1		5	1		3	2	
Douglas, . . .	1,617	6	8		14	1	2			1					1	1		1	1		1	1	
Dudley, . . .	1,352	10	12		22		3		1			2	1			1		1	1		1		
Fitchburg, . .	2,604	1	2		3													1	1				
Gardner, . . .	1,260	8	12		20				1			1			1			1	1			2	
Grafton, . . .	2,943	23	31	1	55	2	1		2	3	1		2		6	5		2	5		1	1	
Hardwick, . . .	1,789	11	8		19	1	1			1		1	1		1	1		2	1		1	1	
Harvard, . . .	1,571	11	14		25	2	1		1			2	2		2	2		1	2		1	1	
Holden, . . .	1,874	18	24		42		3					1	2		2	2		2	2		1	2	
Hubbardston, .	1,784	17	24		41	2			1						1	3		1	5		5	5	
Lancaster, . . .	2,019	18	23	1	42	1	4		2	2		1	2		4	1		3	1		2	2	1
Leicester, . . .	1,707	22	11		33	1			2			4	2		1	1		5			1		
Leominster, . .	2,069	24	25		49	2	1		2	3		2	1		2	1		4	1			2	
Lunenburg, . .	1,272	5	8		13							1			1								
Mendon, . . .	3,524	11	10		21		2		1			1	1		1			1				2	
Milford, . . .	1,773	24	18		42	1	1		2	1		4	3		2	2		1	2		3	1	
Millbury, . . .	2,171	19	16		35				1									4	4		3	1	
New Braintree, .	752	7	3		10							1						1			2		
Northborough, .	1,248	10	11	1	22	1	1	1					2		1	1		3	1		2	1	
Northbridge, . .	1,449	8	15		23		3								1	3					2	3	
N. Brookfield, .	1,485	12	17		29	3			1	1		1	2		2	3		3	2		1	1	
Oakham, . . .	1,038	2	5		7	1			1									1			1		
Oxford, . . .	1,742	11	15	6	32	2	1			2		2	1		3	2		1	2	2			2
Paxton, . . .	670	9	4		13	1									2						1		
Petersham, . . .	1,775	5	13		18		1					1			1			2	4		1	2	
Phillipston, . .	919	5	3		8							1											
Princeton, . . .	1,347	9	12		21	1	1		1	1					1			3	1			2	
Royalston, . . .	1,667	13	9	1	23		2			1			2				1		1		2		
Rutland, . . .	1,260	6	14	1	21		2			1		1			1			3			3	1	
Shrewsbury, . .	1,481	18	17		35										3	3		2	3		1	1	
Southborough, .	1,145	7	14		21				2						3	3		1	2		1		
Southbridge, . .	2,031	18	21	2	41	1	4		2	5		4			3	2	2	1			1	1	
Spencer, . . .	1,604	15	17	3	35	2			2	2					3	3	1	2	4		1		
Sterling, . . .	1,647	16	16		32	1	1		1	1		3	4		3	2		3			3		
Sturbridge, . . .	2,005	19	18		37	1	4		1	2		2	3					1			4	1	
Sutton, . . .	2,370	11	6		17				1				2		1			2					
Templeton, . . .	1,776	5	12		17	1			1						1	2		1				3	
Upton, . . .	1,466	5	7	10	22	1				2					1		1	1			2	4	
Uxbridge, . . .	2,004	13	18	4	35					2					1	2		3	2	3		4	
Warren, . . .	1,290	15	18		33	2			1	4		1			4	1		1	1		1	2	
Webster, . . .	1,403	17	16		33	1			3			2						2	4				
Westborough, . .	1,658	5	8	2	15		1			2					1		1	1					
West Boylston, .	1,187	9	7		16	1			1	3					1			1			1		
Westminster, . .	1,645	9	11		20	1	2			1		1						1	1		1	1	

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1	1			2	1		2	1		2	1		1	1					34	33	1071	8	9	32	5
2	1	3			1	1				2			1						19	19	526	11	10	27	8
3					1									1					7	7	320	2	22	45	7
4	1				1	5		3		2	3		3						43	43	1468	10	6	34	1
5	1				1	1		2		2									16	13	280	3	6	21	6
6				1	3	1		1	1	3				4					26	24	1062	7	4	44	3
7	1	3		1	3			1	1										9	9	450	1	23	50	
8	1	7		1	1	3		3	2	1	3		1	2					43	42	1452	8	20	34	7
9	1	1		1	1												3		14	10	427	24	42	8	
10				1	2			1		1			2	1					22	22	872	10		39	8
11										1									3	3	17	4	13	5	9
12	1			1	1	3		1	1	1	3		1						20	20	807	2		40	
13	4	1		1	2	5		1	2	1	2		2	3					55	53	2995	7	23	56	6
14	2	1						2	1	1									19	19	644	3	17	33	10
15	1			1	2			2		1	1		1	1					25	24	1084	4	14	45	2
16	3	1		3	5	3		4		2	4		2						42	42	1697	9	14	40	5
17	1	2		1	3			2	2	3	1		2	1					41	40	1112	10	28	27	9
18	1			2	2			3		1			1	3					42	41	1829	8		44	7
19	1			3	1	2		2	2		3		2						33	32	1126	5	4	35	2
20	2	6		2	2	3		4	1		2		1	4					49	44	1520	2	2	34	6
21	1	2		2	2	1		1					1	1					13	6	318			53	
22	1	2		1				1		3	2		2						21	11	389	10	29	35	6
23	1	2		1	3			3	1	2	1		1						42	41	940	6	8	22	11
24	1			2				3	2	2	1		2	6					35	33	1261	9	24	38	2
25	1	1			1	1		1		1	2		1	1					10	10	526			56	7
26	1			2				2		1	2		1	1					22	22	900	1	19	40	10
27	1	1		1	1	2		2		2	2		1	1					23	21	835	5	3	39	9
28	1			1	2								1	2					29	29	1078	2	17	37	2
29	1	1						1		1									7	7	292			41	8
30	1			2				1	1		3		1						32	32	880	4	13	27	6
31				2	1			3	1		1			1					13	13	431	1	27	33	1
32	1	1		1	1			1		1			1						18	18	781	10		43	5
33	1																		8	8	414	7	12	51	9
34	1	1		2	1			1	1		1		1	1					21	21	776	6	13	36	11
35	2			5	1			1	1		3								23	22	1265	5	7	57	6
36	3	1		2	1									1					21	21	688	4	18	32	9
37	1	2		2	2			3	3		4		1	1					35	35	1093	2	9	31	2
38	1			1	4						2		1	1					21	20	941		2	44	
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42	3	2		2	1			1	1		1		2	2					37	37	1316		5	35	6
43								1											17	15	662	8		44	2
44	1			1	1			1	1										17	17	392	8	27	23	1
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46	2	2		3	1			1	4	1			1						35	35	848		7	24	2
47	2	1		2	1			2	1		3			1					33	31	786	1	4	25	4
48	3	3		2	4					1	1		3	2					33	33	696	7	27	21	1
49	1			3		2								1					15	13	415	10	10	31	11
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Worcester, . .	7,497	79	79	2	160	2	1		5	4		6	11	1	7	8	17	13		6	9		
52 Towns, . .	90,396	678	756	35	1469	37	58	1	45	54	1	47	55	1	64	66	6	88	87	5	60	64	8
Brookfield, . .	2,472																						
Dana,	691																						
Winchendon, .	1,754																						
55 Towns, . .	95,313	678	756	35	1469	37	58	1	45	54	1	47	55	1	64	66	6	88	87	5	60	64	8

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Amherst, . .	2,550	26	31		57	1	4			7		2	1		2	1		2	2			3	
Belchertown, .	2,554	17	20		37				1	1			1			2		1	1		2	2	
Chesterfield, .	1,132	9	4	3	16				1		1				1			1					
Cummington, .	1,237	13	6	1	20				1	2		1			1	1		1			2		
Easthampton, .	717	9	10		19				1	1		1						1			1		
Enfield, . . .	976	4	8		12													2			1		
Goshen, . . .	556	4	8		12				2	1		1			1			2			2		
Granby, . . .	971	6	4		10													1	1		2		
Greenwich, . .	824	6	7		13				2						1			2	1		1		
Hadley, . . .	1,814	23	22		45	2	4		2	2		1	1		6	1		1	2		1	5	
Hatfield, . . .	933	4	13	2	19	1	3			1			1		1						1		
Middlefield, .	1,717	9	5	2	16	1	1		1	1					2			3	1		2	1	1
Northampton, .	3,750	32	23	4	59	4	3	1	1	1		3	3		1	2	1	4	3		4	1	
Norwich, . . .	750	7	9	2	18							1			1					1	2	1	
Pelham, . . .	956	4	6		10							1						1			2		
South Hadley, .	1,458	10	9	3	22	1		1			1	1	2		2	1		2	2		1	1	
Southampton, .	1,157	9	16	3	28	2	2	1		1			1					2	2		1	1	
Ware,	1,890	9	6	28	43	1	1			1					1	1		1	1		1		
Westhampton, .	759	9	4		13	1	1					1			1						1		
Williamsburg, .	1,309	11	5		16	2				1		1				2		1			1		
Worthington, .	1,197	10	13		23					1					2						4	2	
21 Towns, . .	29,207	231	229	48	508	16	19		3	11	20	2	12	12	18	16		122	22		125	23	
Plainfield, . .	910																						
Prescott, . . .	780																						
23 Towns, . .	30,897	231	229	48	508	16	19		3	11	20	2	12	12	18	16		122	22		125	23	

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57	64	3	62	67	5	49	64	·	59	59	1	56	57	3	54	56	1	·	5	·						
57	64	3	62	67	5	49	64	·	59	59	1	56	57	3	54	56	1	·	5	·						
57	64	3	62	67	5	49	64	·	59	59	1	56	57	3	54	56	1	·	5	·						
1397			1397			48,292			322			34			6											
1397			1397			48,292			322			34			6											

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2	1			5	3		4	4	2	2	3			37	37	1158	8	31	3								
2	1	1	1			1	1	2		1	1			16	13	516	5		39								
4					1			2						20	17	669	6	1	41								
2	3		2		1			1	1	2				19	19	690	6	13	36								
1	1		1		1		1			1	1			12	12	468		10	39								
1									1					12	11	536		18	48								
2	1		1					1			1			10	10	558	11	18	55								
				2			1		3					13	11	189	7	23	17								
3	2		1		2		2		3		1	3		45	45	1198	3	10	26								
			2		2	1	3		1		1			19	3	84			28								
1	1			1	1							1		16	15	490		15	32								
2	2		2	1	1	2	1	3	1	5	3	2	1	59	58	1887	3	21	32								
1	1			1		1		1		3	1	2	3	18	16	493	2	12	30								
1	2		1	1		1								10	3	187			62								
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	1		3		1		1	1		2	2	1	1	16	16	719			44								
	1		1	2	1	1		1	1	2	2	1	1	23	23	867	9	3	37								
26	26	1	21	14	2	16	20	4	16	17	1	28	21	3	18	17	3	2	2	25	508	428	14,594	3	11	34	1
26	26	1	21	14	2	16	20	4	16	17	1	28	21	3	18	17	3	2	2	25	508	428	14,594	3	11	34	1

HAMPDEN COUNTY.

Towns.	Census, 1840.	DEATHS.				MONTHS.																	
		Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Total.	MAY.			JUNE.			JULY.		AUG.		SEPT.		OCT.					
						Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.			
Blandford, . .	1427	9	11	3	23	1	1	1	1			1	1	1			3	1	1				
Brimfield, . .	1419	8	18		26	1	1		1	2		1	2		1	1	1		4				
Chester, . . .	1632	9	18		27	1	1		1			2				1	1		1				
Granville, . .	1414	4	12	2	18		1		1		1	1		1				1					
Holland, . . .	423																						
Longmeadow, .	1270	18	1		19	1			1								2		4				
Ludlow, . . .	1268	11	7	1	19		1		1					1	1		2	2	1				
Monson, . . .	2151	17	13		30	1			3	1		1			2	2	2	2	2	4			
Montgomery, .	740	2	2		4	1			1								1						
Russell, . . .	955	1	1		2		1					1											
Springfield, .	10,985	55	74	3	132	2	6		1	7		7	9		5	8	8	5	5	4	1		
Tolland, . . .	627	9	3		12				1	1		2			1		1						
Wales,	686	2	7		9	1	1		1			1					2						
Westfield, . .	3526	18	25	13	56	1	2		1	1	4	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	3	1		
W. Springfield, .	3626	7	10		17	1				3		1							1	2			
15 Towns, . .	32,149	170	202	22	394	14	15	1	10	20	4	14	17	2	12	16	2	18	14	3	15	19	2
Palmer, . . .	2139																						
Southwick, . .	1214																						
Wilbraham, . .	1864																						
18 Towns, . .	37,366	170	202	22	394	14	15	1	10	20	4	14	17	2	12	16	2	18	14	3	15	19	2

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Ashfield, . .	1,610	7	12	5	25				1		1						1	4	2	1
Bernardston, .	992	8	9		17	1	2		1	1		1		1			1		1	3
Buckland, . .	1,084	2	3	1	6															
Charlemont, .	1,127	7	11		18		1		1	1		1	1				2			
Coleraine, . .	1,971	12	12	2	26							1	1		3		2	2	2	1
Conway, . . .	1,409	10	13	4	27	2			1	2		1			1		1	1		1
Erving, . . .	309																			
Gill,	798	4	6		10		2		1						2		1			
Greenfield, . .	1,756	13	9	12	34							1		2		4		2	2	1
Hawley, . . .	977	4	13		17	2	1										2			3
Heath,	895	2	2		4				1			1			1					2
Leverett, . . .	875	11	11		22	1	2		1			2	1		2					1
Leyden, . . .	632	6	5		11				1			3	1		1		1		1	
Monroe, . . .	282		1		1		1													
New Salem, .	1,305	2	7		9		1		1											1
Northfield, . .	1,673	3	8		11				1								1	2		1
Orange, . . .	1,501	7	11		18		1		1	1		1	2		1	2		2		1
Rowe,	703	7	7	1	15				1			1	1		1	2				1
Shelburne, . .	1,022	9	15		24	2						1			2		1	1		1
Shutesbury, .	987	4	3		7										2					1
Sunderland, .	719	2	4		6	1											1			1
Warwick, . . .	1,071	14	7		21				3	1		1			1					

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MONTHS.															Number of Ages stated.	AGGREGATE OF AGES.			AVERAGE AGE.	
NOV.		DEC.		JAN.		FEB.		MARCH.		APRIL.		NOT STATED.				Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.
Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Total.						
1	3	1	2	2	1	1	4	1	4	2	1	2	1	23	20	910	8	19	45	6
1	1	2	1	1	2	4	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	26	26	1103	4	14	42	5
														27	26	928		2	35	8
														18	16	626	9	22	39	2
1	2	2	3	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1			19	19	586	8	1	30	10
2	1	1	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	1				19	18	522	6	17	29	
														30	26	874			33	3
														4	3	140			46	8
														2	2	138			69	
5	5	7	4	1	4	5	11	3	5	1	2	3	1	132	127	3202	10	25	25	2
														12	9	381			42	4
1	1	2	3	2	2	1		1	2	1	3	6		9	8	267	9	20	33	5
2	1			1	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	56	55	1800	5	15	32	8
														17	17	978			57	6
12	15	16	15	3	19	16	15	18	1	10	17	2	13	394	372	12,460	3	15	33	5
12	15	16	15	3	19	16	15	18	1	10	17	2	13	394	372	12,460	3	15	33	5

FRANKLIN COUNTY—Continued.

1	3	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	3					24	24	939	6	39	3
			1	1				1	1	1				17	17	774	1 5	45	6
	1					3	1	3	2	1			2	6	5	17	4	3	9
	1	1	1	3	1	2	2	1	1	2				18	18	389	3	21	7
1	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	1			1	26	26	877		33	8
														27	26	1231	1 27	47	4
	1			2				1						10	10	634	4 23	63	5
		1			2	1	3	2	4	1	1	1		34	32	1192	13	37	3
			2			2		1	1	1	3			17	16	832	2	52	
			1						1					4	3	60	10 8	20	3
	1				1	1	1	2	1	2	2			22	22	840	11 9	38	2
					1	1								11	11	461	7 2	41	11
														1	1	37	10 26	37	10
1	3		1	1				1						9	9	500	4	55	7
			2											11	5	188	2 29	37	7
	1		1			1	1	1	1					18	16	771	12	48	2
				1	2			2		1	1			15	15	499	7 3	33	4
1		1		3	4	1	3	1	2					24	24	921	2 23	38	4
						2	2							7	6	217	9	36	3
		1								2				6	6	233	4	38	10
2		1		2	1	1	1	3		2	2			21	20	905	10 27	45	3

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TOWNS.	Census, 1940.	DEATHS.				MONTHS.											
		Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Total.	MAY.			JUNE.			JULY.			AUG.		
						Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.
Wendell, . .	875	4	8		12				1			1			1		
Whateley, . .	1072	8	11	1	20	1	2					1			1	1	1
24 Towns, .	25,645	146	188	26	360	8	15		11	10		12	13	2	12	12	4
Deerfield, . .	1912																
Montague, . .	1255																
26 Towns, .	28,812	146	188	26	360	8	15		11	10		12	13	2	12	12	4

BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

Alford, . . .	481	4	3		7				1							1	1
Becket, . . .	1342	8	12	4	24		1									1	1
Dalton, . . .	1255	6	5		11	2	1					1	1			2	1
Egremont, . .	1038	6	5		11									2	1		
Florida, . . .	441			3	3												1
Gt. Barrington, .	2704	9	18	11	38	1	1		3	3					4	2	1
Hancock, . . .	922		4		4											3	
Hinsdale, . . .	955	5	12		17	1			1			4			2	1	1
Lanesborough, .	1140	3	7	2	12							3			1		
Lee, . . .	2428	10	14	4	28		1		2	1		3			2	2	1
Lenox, . . .	1313	8	13		21	2			1		1				1	3	
Mt. Washington, .	438	2			2												1
New Ashford, . .	227	1			1	1											
New Marlboro', .	1682	8	13	4	25	1			2			1			2		1
Otis, . . .	1177	1	5		6	1			1			1					1
Peru, . . .	576	6	5		11	1			1			1					1
Pittsfield, . . .	3747	29	27		56		6		3	2		1	3		4	4	
Richmond, . . .	1097	6	7	1	14	1	1		1	1				1	1		4
Sandisfield, . .	1464	10	11		21	1					1	2			2		1
Savoy, . . .	915	3			3									1			
Sheffield, . . .	2322	15	13		28		1		2			1	1		1	3	1
Stockbridge, . .	1992			35	35												
Tyringham, . . .	1477	9	16		25	1	2		2	1		2			1		2
Washington, . .	991	6	5	1	12		2		1	1		1			1		1
W. Stockbridge, .	1448	10	10		20	1					1	3			1	1	2
25 Towns, .	33,572	165	205	65	435	14	16		17	13		11	21	1	15	19	2
Adams, . . .	3703																
Boston Corner, .	65																
Cheshire, . . .	985																
Clarksburg, . .	370																
Windsor, . . .	897																
Williamstown, .	2153																
31 Towns, .	41,745	165	205	65	435	14	16		17	13		11	21	1	15	19	2

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MONTHS.																			Number of Ages stated.	AGGREGATE OF AGES.			AVERAGE AGE.				
NOV.			DEC.			JAN.			FEB.			MARCH.			APRIL.			NOT STATED			Total.	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	
Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.										
1	1			1					2	3				2				12	10	538		53	9				
1		1			1			2	3			1		2		1		20	20	906	6	12	45	3			
6	16	1	11	13	12	15	1	15	29	2	20	11	1	12	20	2	3	4	2	360	342	13,971	2	26	40	10	
6	16	1	11	13	12	15	1	15	29	2	20	11	1	12	20	2	3	4	2	360	342	13,971	2	26	40	10	

BERKSHIRE COUNTY—Continued.

1						2					1							7	7	327	10	17	20	10	
1	1			3		1	2			1	3	1	2	1	1	1		24	19	408	4		5	5	
													1	1				11	11	321	9	29	28	6	
1	1			1		1							1		1			11	8	274		19	34	3	
																		3							
				1	1	1			1	1		1	1				6	7	38	31	766	10		24	8
																	1	4	3		9	9	7	3	3
	1			1	1				1		1	2						17	17	403	9	9	23	9	
3				2			1											12	8	451			56	4	
			1	1	2	1	1	1					3	2		1		28	24	643	3	15	26	9	
1	1					1	1	1			1		2		1	2		21	21	735	4	25	35		
						1												2	1	79		21	79		
																		1	1	85			85		
				1	2	1	1		2	1		1			2	1	1	25	24	873	8		36	5	
	1												1					6	6	301	10		50	3	
				2		1			1	1								11	11	467	5	19	42	5	
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3				1		2			1		1	2						21	21	1031			49	1	
1									1									3	3	175	2	26	58	4	
	1			1		1			1	2	1	1		5	2			28	28	1028	10	18	36	8	
																		35							
1	2			1	2				1	1	1	1		1	1			25	25	1163			46	6	
1	1													2				12	11	685	5	21	62	3	
2	1			1	1				1	1					1		1	20	18	483	10	27	26	10	
18	13	1	12	18	1	11	9	1	16	13	2	10	19	4	11	13	1	3	8	47					
																		435	360	12,884		19	35	9	
18	13	1	12	18	1	11	9	1	16	13	2	10	19	4	11	13	1	3	8	47					
																		435	360	12,884		19	35	9	

NORFOLK COUNTY.

TOWNS.	Census, 1840.	DEATHS.				MONTHS.											
		Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Total.	MAY.		JUNE.		JULY.		AUG.		SEPT.		OCT.	
						Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Bellingham, .	1055	4	6	1	11			1						1	3		
Braintree, .	2168	8	2		10	1	1			1				1			
Brookline, .	1365	10	5		15	2	2					1		1		1	
Canton, .	1995	13	19	3	35	2	2	4		2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cohasset, .	1471	14	13	1	28			1	1	1	1			2	4	1	1
Dedham, .	3290	17	31	2	50	1	1	4	2	2		3	4	1	3	1	5
Dorchester, .	4875	39	36	3	78	4		2	2	3	2	7	2	7	3	6	5
Dover, .	520	5	6		11					1		1		1	1		1
Foxborough, .	1298	6	12		18	1								3	2		3
Franklin, .	1717	12	16		28	1		2	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2
Medfield, .	883	6	12		18	2	2		1		1			1			2
Medway, .	2043	4	10		14	1		1	1		1			1		1	1
Milton, .	1822	18	20		38	1	2	4	1	1		1	2	2	1	4	2
Needham, .	1488	12	14		26	1				2	1	1	2	2		1	3
Quincy, .	3486	28	25	3	56	1	1	1	1	1	6	3	3	1	5	2	1
Randolph, .	3213	31	35	5	71	1	2	1	1	1	8	1	5	4	2	6	8
Sharon, .	1076	8	5	2	15			1	2	1		2					1
Stoughton, .	2142	1	3		4			1						1			
Weymouth, .	3738	11	8	2	21	1	1	3		1		2	2	2	3	2	2
Wrentham, .	2915	5	3		8	2	1							1	1		
20 Towns, .	42,560	252	281	22	555	10	21	2	28	15		17	24	6	31	32	37
Roxbury, .	9089																
Walpole, .	1491																
22 Towns, .	53,140	252	281	22	555	10	21	2	28	15		17	24	6	31	32	37

BRISTOL COUNTY.

Attleborough, .	3585	35	24	1	60	2		5	4	1	4	1		6	3	1	2
Berkley, .	886	11	4	2	17		1	1		1	1	1	1	1		1	
Dighton, .	1378	7	8		15			1						1			
Easton, .	2074	9	24	19	52	2	2		1	2	1	2	3	4	2	8	3
Fairhaven, .	3951	15	17	1	33	2	1	1		1		4	5	1	1		1
Fall River, .	6738	39	37		76	2		2	3	3	1	3	1	4	5	2	2
Freetown, .	1772	11	11		22	1	1		1	1	1	1		2		2	1
New Bedford, .	12,087	1			1											1	
Norton, .	1545	5	3		8				2					2			
Pawtucket, .	2184	2	4		6												
Raynham, .	1329	11	10	3	24			2		3		2		1	4		1
Rehoboth, .	2169	7	7	6	20		1					1		1		1	2
Seekonk, .	1996	8	14	13	35	1	1			2	1	3		3	2	2	3
Somerset, .	1005	16	18		34		2			1	1	2	3	1	2	1	2
Swansey, .	1485																
Taunton, .	7645	31	42		73	3	4	1		5	7	2	1	1	2		7
Westport, .	2820	22	16	1	39	2		1		1		2		5	3	4	1
17 Towns, .	54,648	230	239	46	515	13	13	2	12	12	1	13	22	2	21	17	4

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NOV.		DEC.		JAN.		FEB.		MARCH.		APRIL.		NOT STATED.		Total.	Years.	Months.		Days.	Years.	Months.		
Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.								Not stated.	
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			4	1					2			1			10	6	179	2		29	2	
	3		2	2			1		2			1	1		15	15	704			46	11	
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1	3		1	5			2		3	1		1	1		28	27	1911	4		37	5	
6	2		1	7			2	2	3	3		1	1	1	50	44	1546	10	13	35	1	
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							1		1						11	11	509	2	4	46	3	
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	2		2	2			1	1	1	1			1	2	38	37	1592	3	14	43		
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3	2		4	1			2		2	1			2		56	54	1600	2	9	29	7	
1	1		2	1			2	4	7	1			1		71	71	1597	5	16	22	5	
	2						1								15	15	389	8	16	25	11	
															4	4	98	5		24	7	
							1	1							21	21	393	4	9	18	8	
1															8	7	299	1	20	42	8	
20	29		28	31	3	11	27	1	21	15	3	25	13	2	555	533	19,587	1	27	36	8	
20	29		28	31	3	11	27	1	21	15	3	25	13	2	555	533	19,587	1	27	36	8	

3	1			1		3	3	1	3	2		6	3		3	1		1			60	59	2231	5	14	37	9
				1					3	1		3							2		17	14	517	1	19	37	
1	2	1		1	3	1	1		1			1	4		3	2				15	11	728	2	7	66	2	
				1	2					1		3	2		2	1				52	47	1754	7		37	3	
1	6			7	6		3	1	3	6		4	2		1	2		1	1	33	30	1454	11	10	48	6	
	2			1	2		2	1		1		1			5	4				76	72	2145	9	7	29	9	
																1				22	21	722	2	18	34	4	
1				1								2								1							
												1	2							8	7	370	2	21	52	10	
1		1	1			3	1		1	1		1			1	2				6	6	53	2		8	10	
1				1		1									1					24	20	652	14		32	6	
	1	2	2	2	1	1	1		1	1				1	1	1		3	1	5	9	462	6	5	51	4	
1	2		2	1		1			1	1		4	1		2	3				35	11	332	4		30	2	
																				34	34	987	3	11	29		
5	3			4	2		3	4		2	2		3		6	6				73	68	2476	5	3	36	5	
2				1	4		2			3		2	1		2	2				39	36	1404	4	19	39		
16	17	4	20	26	2	21	13	1	15	20	1	26	19	1	28	26	1	5	2	7	515	445	16,292	2	23	36	7

BRISTOL COUNTY—Continued.

TOWNS.	Census, 1840.	DEATHS.				MONTHS.											
		Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Total.	MAY.			JUNE.			JULY.			AUG.		
						Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.
Dartmouth, . . .	4135																
Mansfield, . . .	1382																
19 Towns, . . .	60,165	230	239	46	515	13	13	2	12	12	1	13	22	2	21	17	9
		24	24	11	16	28	4										

PLYMOUTH COUNTY.

Abington, . . .	3214	30	45		75	1	1		1	2		1	4		3	3	7	8		4	4
Bridgewater, . .	2131	24	21		45	3	2			1			2		1	2	6	3		2	1
Carver, . . .	995	3	2		5	1											1				
Duxbury, . . .	2798	6	13		19	3	1		1						2	2	1	3		2	
E. Bridgewater, .	1950	10	12	2	24	1	1		3			1			1					1	2
Halifax, . . .	734	7	10		17	1			1			1			1			2		2	
Hanover, . . .	1488	12	8		20		2		1			2			1		3	2		1	
Hingham, . . .	3564	24	32	1	57	5	5		3	1		2			2	3	5	4	1	1	1
Hull, . . .	231	2			2																
Kingston, . . .	1440	11	15		26		4		1	3		1			1		2	1		1	1
Marshfield, . . .	1761	13	20	1	34	1	5		1						2	2		5	1	2	
N. Bridgewater, .	2616	24	24	2	50				1			1	1		1	1	4	5		6	2
Pembroke, . . .	1258	4	12		16				1											3	
Plymouth, . . .	5281	42	38	1	81	3	7		3	3		3	3		4	4	4	3		4	2
Plympton, . . .	834	10	12		22	3			1	2					1	2	2	1		1	4
Scituate, . . .	3886	21	17	14	52	2	2	1	3	1		3	1	3		2	5	3	1	5	2
Wareham, . . .	2002	16	16		32		1		4						1			2	1	1	
W. Bridgewater, .	1201	18	11		29	1			1	1		1	1				2	1			
18 Towns, . . .	37,384	277	308	21	606	25	31	1	20	20		14	14	3	18	24	5	42	40	7	22
																				27	5
Hanson, . . .	1040																				
Middleborough, .	5085																				
Rochester, . . .	3864																				
21 Towns, . . .	47,373	277	308	21	606	25	31	1	20	20		14	14	3	18	24	5	42	40	7	22
																				27	5

BRISTOL COUNTY—Continued.

MONTHS.																					Number of Ages stated.	AGGREGATE OF AGES.			AVERAGE AGE.		
NOV.			DEC.			JAN.			FEB.			MARCH.			APRIL.			NOT STATED.				Total.	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.
Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.							
16	17	4	20	26	2	21	13	1	15	20	1	26	19	1	28	26	1	5	2	7	515	445	16,292	2	23	36	7

PLYMOUTH COUNTY.

5	1	3	1	5	3	5	3	2	8												75	75	1948	6	24	26	
2	2	5	2	1	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	45	44	1620	3	29	36	9
																					5	5	246	7	8	49	3
	1																				19	19	956	4	19	50	4
2	1	1	3	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	24	22	995	26	45		
1	1		2			2	1	1													17	15	746	4	11	49	9
3	1		1			2	1	1													20	20	551	7	23	27	6
1	2		3	4		2	3					2	3		2	2					57	53	1981	11		37	4
			1																		2	2	79	1	2	39	6
	1		3	1		1	1	2	1						2						26	24	1001	7	23	41	3
3	2		3	4		1	5		1			2	2		1	2			1		34	32	1337	9	17	41	9
2	1		1	3		3	3		1			1	1						2		50	49	1594	10	21	32	6
2	3		2	1		5	3		6	2		3	1		3	6					16	14	566			40	4
3	1		1			2			2			3	1		3	1					81	80	2578	10	11	32	3
			1	2		1	4					1	3		2						22	22	793	5	28	36	
3	2		1	1		1	4		2			3	6		1	1					52	19	716	3	21	37	8
			1	1		1	1		3	2		2	1		3	3					32	32	342	4	8	10	8
3			1			1			3	2											29	29	947	6	25	32	6
26	19		26	30		22	32		22	17		23	22		17	29			3		606	556	19,004	10	26	34	2
26	19		26	30		22	32		22	17		23	22		17	29			3		606	556	19,004	10	26	34	2

BARNSTABLE COUNTY.

TOWNS.	Census, 1840.	DEATHS.				MONTHS.																	
		Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Total.	MAY.		JUNE.		JULY.		AUG.		SEPT.		OCT.							
						Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.			
Barnstable, . .	4301	8	7		15							2		1	1		1	1					
Brewster, . .	1522	6	7		13				3			1		2	1						1		
Chatham, . .	2334	9	22	19	50	1	2			1		1		2	2	1	2	5	3		1	3	
Dennis, . .	2942	15	18		33	1	3		1			2	1	1	2		4	6					
Eastham, . .	955	6	4		10	1	1										1			2	1		
Falmouth, . .	2589	18	15		33	1	2					3	4	1			3	1		2			
Harwich, . .	2930	9	7		16		1			2		1					1	1					
Orleans, . .	1974	18	26		44	2	2		1	1		2	1	4	6		2	3		3	5		
Provincetown, .	2122	20	21		41	3	3		2	1		1	2	1			1	3		4	2		
Sandwich, . .	3719	17	15		32	1	1		2	2		1		1			4	3		1	3		
Truro, . .	1920	10	7	15	32	3	1		1	2		1					1			2			
Wellfleet, . .	2377	8	15		23	1						4		1			2						
Yarmouth, . .	2554	30	31	5	66	1	3		1			3	4	1	1	1	5	7		4	4	2	
13 Towns, .	32,239	174	195	39	408	15	19		11	9		12	22	1	14	13	2	24	33	3	18	17	5
Marshpee, . .	309																						
14 Towns, .	32,548	174	195	39	408	15	19		11	9		12	22	1	14	13	2	24	33	3	18	17	5

DUKE'S COUNTY.

Chilmark, . .	702	5	4		9	1						1	1	2							1	
Edgartown, . .	1736	4	5	4	13	1								1			1		1	1	1	1
Tisbury, . .	1520	10	11	5	26	1		1				3	2	1	1	2	2	1		1	1	3
3 Towns, .	3958	19	20	9	48	1	2		1			4	5		4	1	2	3	1	1	1	4

NANTUCKET COUNTY.

Nantucket, . .	901	5	51		107	7	2		5	10		2	2	10	9		8	7		8	4	
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BARNSTABLE COUNTY—*Continued.*

MONTHS.																					Total.	Number of Ages stated.	AGGREGATE OF AGES.			AVERAGE AGE.	
Nov.			Dec.			Jan.			Feb.			March.			April.			NOT STATED.					Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.
Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.							
1					2			4	1		1										15	12	761	63	5		
	3			1				1													13	13	270	7	22		
	2			1		2	3	1		1	3		1	1	2						50	39	953	8	8		
			1			1	1			1			2			2	1				33	33	385	1	5		
2				1		1															10	8	331	5	25		
			4	2						2						4	2				33	33	1450	5	43		
			2			1			2			3			2	2					16	16	728	4	18		
1	2		1	1		2		1				1			1	2					44	43	1422	3	15		
2	1		1	2		1		3	3			2	1		2	2					41	41	1040	3	25		
1				1		2	2		1	1		2	1		1	1					32	31	620	11	9		
1										1		3	1							15	32	17	350	5	14		
2	3			2		1	2		1	1		2	1								23	23	858	8	13		
3	4		3	1		2	1		2		3	1		2	4		1	1	1		66	62	1467	11	12		
13	17		12	12		9	17	1	14	15		19	8	2	12	12		1	1	25	408	371	10,651	3	21		
13	17		12	12		9	17	1	14	15		19	8	2	12	12		1	1	25	408	371	10,651	3	21		

DUKE'S COUNTY—*Continued.*

1		1		1	1		1									9	9	339	1	23	37	8
		1		1							1					13	9	552	10	6	61	5
		2		2	1	1			1							26	25	1013	3	28	40	6
1	1	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	48	43	1905	3	27	44	3

NANTUCKET COUNTY—*Continued.*

4	2	3	3	2	6	1	2	5	2	1	2					107	107	2670	3	15	24	11
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2.—RECAPITULATION OF RETURNS from Two Hundred and Eighty-one Towns, by Counties.

COUNTIES.	Number of Towns.	Census, 1840.	DEATHS.			MONTHS.																		
			Males.	Females.	Total.	MAY.			JUNE.			JULY.			AUG.			SEPT.			OCT.			
						Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	
Suffolk, .	1	2390	60	27	1	2	.	.	3	1	.	6	4	.	2	.	.	12	7	.	6	1	.	
Essex, .	26	80,931	581	668	43	40	61	2	40	50	.	34	58	4	70	69	6	48	51	10	49	52	3	
Middlesex, .	45	104,562	673	804	76	48	57	3	40	50	.	52	52	7	87	108	14	78	92	4	63	75	12	
Worcester, .	52	90,396	678	756	35	37	58	1	45	54	1	47	55	1	64	66	6	88	87	5	60	64	8	
Hampshire, .	21	29,207	231	229	48	16	19	3	11	20	2	12	12	.	18	16	1	22	22	1	25	23	2	
Hampden, .	15	32,149	170	202	22	394	14	15	1	10	20	4	14	17	2	12	16	2	18	14	3	15	19	2
Franklin, .	24	25,645	146	188	26	360	8	15	.	11	10	.	12	13	2	12	12	4	12	14	9	12	16	2
Berkshire, .	25	33,572	165	205	65	435	14	16	.	17	13	.	11	21	1	15	19	2	16	26	4	11	17	1
Norfolk, .	20	42,560	252	281	22	555	10	21	2	28	15	.	17	24	.	23	24	6	31	32	3	27	37	4
Bristol, .	17	54,648	230	230	46	515	13	13	2	12	12	1	13	22	2	21	17	9	24	24	11	16	28	4
Plymouth, .	18	37,384	277	308	21	606	25	31	1	20	20	.	14	14	3	18	24	5	42	40	7	22	27	5
Barnstable, .	13	32,239	174	195	39	408	15	19	.	11	9	.	12	22	1	14	13	2	24	33	3	18	17	4
Dukes, .	3	3,058	19	20	9	48	1	2	.	.	1	.	4	5	.	4	1	.	3	1	1	1	3	4
Nantucket, .	1	9012	56	51	.	107	7	2	.	5	10	.	2	2	.	10	9	.	8	7	.	8	4	.
Total, .	281	578,653	3712	4173	453	8338	250	329	15	253	285	8	250	321	23	370	394	59	426	450	61	333	383	48

RECAPITULATION—Continued.

COUNTIES.	MONTHS.												AGGREGATE OF AGES.			AVERAGE AGE.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																													
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No Returns of Deaths have been received from *Boston*, in Suffolk County; from *Beverly* and *Lynn*, in Essex County; from *Lincoln* and *West Cambridge*, in Middlesex County; from *Brookfield*, *Dana* and *Winchendon*, in Worcester County; from *Plainfield* and *Prescott*, in Hampshire County; from *Palmer*, *Southwick* and *Wilbraham*, in Hampden County; from *Deerfield* and *Montague*, in Franklin County; from *Adams*, *Boston Corner*, *Cheshire*, *Clarksburg*, *Windsor* and *Williamstown*, in Berkshire County; from *Roxbury* and *Walpole*, in Norfolk County; from *Dartmouth* and *Mansfield*, in Bristol County; from *Hanson*, *Middleborough* and *Rochester*, in Plymouth County; and from *Marshpee*, in Barnstable County. These 29 towns, in 1840, contained 159,047 inhabitants.

TABLE IV. 1.—*Number of Deaths for each Month, with their Approximate Ages, by Counties.*

SUFFOLK COUNTY.

MONTHS.	SEX.				AGES.														Total.	
	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Total.	Under 1 yr.	1 and un- der 2.	2 and un- der 5.	5 and un- der 10.	10 and un- der 20.	20 and un- der 30.	30 and un- der 40.	40 and un- der 50.	50 and un- der 60.	60 and un- der 70.	70 and un- der 80.	80 and un- der 90.	90 and un- der 100.	100 and over.		Not stated.
May,	2	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
June,	3	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
July,	6	4	1	11	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
August,	2	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
September,	12	7	1	20	5	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
October,	6	1	1	8	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
November,	5	3	1	9	3	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
December,	6	1	1	8	3	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
January,	3	3	1	7	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
February,	3	3	1	7	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
March,	7	1	1	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
April,	4	4	1	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Not stated,	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total,	60	27	1	88	14	9	10	1	4	19	16	7	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	88

ESSEX COUNTY.

MONTHS.	SEX.				AGES.														Total.	Not stated.	100 and over.	90 and un-der 100.	80 and un-der 90.	70 and un-der 80.	60 and un-der 70.	50 and un-der 60.	40 and un-der 50.	30 and un-der 40.	20 and un-der 30.	10 and un-der 20.	5 and un-der 10.	2 and un-der 5.	1 and un-der 2.	Under 1 yr.
	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Total.																														
May,	40	61	5	106	15	6	5	6	12	13	4	7	6	11	12	4	4	.	.	5	106	5	1	90	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	106
June,	40	50	.	90	5	5	3	3	6	17	16	7	6	2	8	7	7	4	.	1	90	1	4	99	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	99
July,	34	58	7	99	12	5	3	7	8	11	7	7	7	8	10	9	9	.	.	4	99	8	4	149	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	149
August,	70	69	10	149	30	17	11	5	8	9	14	8	6	12	18	4	4	.	.	3	110	3	3	110	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	110
September,	48	51	11	110	33	6	7	1	8	7	7	8	4	6	11	7	7	2	.	5	106	5	1	93	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	93
October,	49	52	5	106	18	12	8	5	6	11	6	5	5	9	7	7	7	4	.	5	106	3	3	113	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	113
November,	32	60	1	93	5	3	6	1	4	13	11	7	15	5	17	11	14	3	.	6	131	6	1	93	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	131
December,	72	58	1	131	17	6	6	5	7	8	7	9	15	15	13	14	13	3	.	3	102	3	3	102	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	102
January,	43	54	5	102	15	4	3	4	7	10	3	8	7	10	13	12	12	3	.	3	113	3	3	113	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	113
February,	57	53	2	112	22	5	10	6	5	10	9	9	7	8	10	7	10	1	.	2	89	2	2	89	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	89
March,	39	46	4	89	14	6	5	5	4	4	8	6	5	11	9	9	10	1	.	4	99	4	4	99	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	99
April,	45	50	4	99	9	6	6	6	5	16	5	4	8	11	9	9	9	1	.	6	21	6	6	21	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
Not stated,	12	6	3	21	3	.	2	.	2	2	1	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	6	21	6	6	21	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
Total,	581	668	58	1307	198	81	75	54	82	131	98	87	82	106	139	101	21	1	51	1307	51	51	1307	1	1	51	1307	1	51	1307	1	51	1307	

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

Months.	SEX.				AGES.												Total.			
	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Total.	Under 1 yr.	1 and un- der 2.	2 and un- der 5.	5 and un- der 10.	10 and un- der 20.	20 and un- der 30.	30 and un- der 40.	40 and un- der 50.	50 and un- der 60.	60 and un- der 70.	70 and un- der 80.	80 and un- der 90.		90 and un- der 100.	100 and over.	Not stated.
May,	48	57	7	112	14	6	6	11	8	18	9	18	0	2	5	3	2	.	4	119
June,	40	50	.	90	10	7	7	6	6	10	9	10	3	7	6	5	1	.	3	90
July,	52	52	9	113	29	3	7	4	11	7	8	9	7	6	5	4	3	.	10	113
August,	87	108	18	213	77	24	9	6	12	13	14	10	9	11	8	13	.	.	7	213
September,	78	92	5	175	40	25	12	4	12	16	13	11	7	12	9	11	.	.	3	175
October,	63	75	15	153	27	14	9	8	16	16	13	8	7	8	13	7	1	.	6	153
November,	58	53	9	120	19	10	8	5	7	20	9	4	11	8	6	4	2	.	7	120
December,	59	61	7	127	11	8	8	2	8	14	13	10	7	9	15	11	2	.	9	127
January,	65	62	10	137	12	11	5	6	9	9	12	13	7	12	11	9	4	1	16	137
February,	36	72	4	112	19	5	13	7	5	7	14	8	0	7	10	3	.	.	8	112
March,	49	72	6	127	20	8	7	4	5	16	16	8	4	13	10	6	2	.	8	127
April,	37	45	6	88	11	6	7	6	4	10	10	5	8	8	7	2	.	.	4	88
Not stated,	1	5	5	11	1	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8	11
Total,	673	804	101	1578	290	127	98	69	103	157	141	114	82	103	105	78	17	1	93	1578

WORCESTER COUNTY.

MONTHS.	SEX.			AGES.												Total.				
	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Total.	Under 1 yr.	1 and un- der 2.	2 and un- der 5.	5 and un- der 10.	10 and un- der 20.	20 and un- der 30.	30 and un- der 40.	40 and un- der 50.	50 and un- der 60.	60 and un- der 70.	70 and un- der 80.		80 and un- der 90.	90 and un- der 100.	100 and over.	Not stated.
May,	37	58	1	96	13	3	4	3	7	8	10	6	9	10	13	7	1	.	2	96
June,	45	54	1	100	13	6	10	3	11	14	10	6	5	4	9	6	4	.	3	100
July,	47	55	1	103	17	4	10	6	4	12	8	5	5	6	9	8	4	1	4	103
August,	64	66	6	136	27	19	12	4	11	16	9	1	5	8	10	7	3	.	7	136
September,	88	87	5	180	52	14	13	8	12	18	12	12	10	10	7	5	.	.	6	180
October,	60	64	8	132	21	13	8	4	15	8	10	8	6	14	8	9	2	.	6	132
November,	57	64	3	124	9	7	9	7	7	14	16	9	4	9	12	13	4	.	4	124
December,	62	67	5	134	8	1	10	2	6	20	7	14	7	9	18	22	4	.	6	134
January,	49	64	.	113	15	9	7	3	6	12	11	4	10	9	12	10	2	.	3	113
February,	59	59	1	119	32	8	8	2	3	14	5	8	9	7	11	9	1	.	2	119
March,	56	57	3	116	14	6	6	5	7	10	9	8	7	8	14	6	4	.	12	116
April,	54	56	1	111	21	6	9	6	5	11	8	6	7	8	9	8	2	.	5	111
Not stated,	.	5	.	5	1	4	5
Total,	678	756	35	1469	242	96	106	53	94	158	115	87	84	102	132	110	27	1	62	1469

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MONTHS.	SEX.			AGES.															
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Under 1 yr.	1 and un- der 2.	2 and un- der 3.	5 and un- der 10.	10 and un- der 20.	20 and un- der 30.	30 and un- der 40.	40 and un- der 50.	50 and un- der 60.	60 and un- der 70.	70 and un- der 80.	80 and un- der 90.	90 and un- der 100.	100 and over.	Not stated.	Total.
May,	14	15	30	.	3	4	.	4	4	3	1	3	3	4	1	2	.	2	30
June,	10	24	34	2	4	1	1	2	4	5	3	3	2	2	3	1	.	1	34
July,	14	17	33	3	4	3	4	.	7	2	1	1	2	2	3	.	.	1	33
August,	12	16	30	4	1	1	3	1	8	2	1	2	1	2	.	.	.	4	30
September,	18	14	32	7	2	3	3	5	6	.	1	2	3	2	1	1	.	3	35
October,	15	19	36	5	2	1	1	2	6	5	1	4	1	5	2	1	.	1	36
November,	12	15	27	2	1	5	3	3	3	2	.	.	3	3	3	1	.	1	27
December,	16	15	33	4	2	4	1	2	4	2	4	1	3	4	3	1	.	1	34
January,	19	16	36	4	1	3	3	4	1	3	.	4	5	1	3	1	.	3	36
February,	15	18	34	5	3	5	4	1	7	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	.	3	34
March,	10	17	29	4	2	.	2	3	3	4	2	2	1	3	2	1	.	2	29
April,	13	18	32	2	1	1	2	.	5	2	1	3	6	4	2	1	.	2	32
Not stated,	2	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	.	.	.	2	5
Total,	170	202	395	42	22	31	27	27	58	31	16	25	29	32	25	8	.	22	395

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

MONTHS.	SEX.				AGES.														Total.	
	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Total.	Under 1 yr.	1 and un- der 2.	2 and un- der 5.	5 and un- der 10.	10 and un- der 20.	20 and un- der 30.	30 and un- der 40.	40 and un- der 50.	50 and un- der 60.	60 and un- der 70.	70 and un- der 80.	80 and un- der 90.	90 and un- der 100.	100 and over.		Not stated.
May,	8	15	.	23	2	.	1	1	2	3	3	2	2	2	3	1	.	.	.	.
June,	11	10	.	21	1	.	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	1	3	1	1	.	.	3
July,	12	13	2	27	4	1	4	.	3	3	2	1	1	1	3	4	1	.	.	2
August,	12	12	4	28	4	1	2	2	3	2	4	2	1	.	2	4	1	.	.	2
September,	12	14	9	35	8	2	4	2	1	1	1	2	2	3	3	6	4	.	.	2
October,	12	16	2	30	2	.	1	1	1	4	4	1	2	2	4	4	1	.	.	3
November,	6	16	1	23	2	1	.	.	.	2	3	1	1	6	2	3	1	.	.	2
December,	11	13	.	24	3	1	1	3	2	3	1	2	.	2	3	6	1	.	.	2
January,	12	15	1	28	3	2	2	3	4	2	5	2	.	4	1	3	1	.	.	1
February,	15	29	2	46	8	1	6	1	4	4	5	1	5	4	3	3	2	.	.	2
March,	21	11	1	32	6	1	4	1	2	2	3	2	3	.	3	3	1	.	.	2
April,	12	20	2	34	3	.	2	1	.	2	5	2	4	7	3	4	1	.	.	2
Not stated,	3	4	2	9	2	1	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	1
Total,	146	188	26	360	48	11	30	12	21	30	33	18	24	30	31	45	9	.	18	360

BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

MONTHS.	SEX.				AGES.												Total.			
	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Total.	Under 1 yr.	1 and un- der 2.	2 and un- der 5.	5 and un- der 10.	10 and un- der 20.	20 and un- der 30.	30 and un- der 40.	40 and un- der 50.	50 and un- der 60.	60 and un- der 70.	70 and un- der 80.	80 and un- der 90.		90 and un- der 100.	100 and over.	Not stated.
May,	14	16	.	30	4	1	1	1	2	6	1	2	2	3	4	1	1	.	1	30
June,	17	13	.	30	1	3	1	2	3	2	6	1	3	3	3	2	.	.	2	30
July,	11	21	1	33	4	.	2	2	4	5	3	4	4	3	2	4	.	.	5	33
August,	15	19	2	36	3	3	2	2	4	5	3	.	2	1	5	1	.	.	3	36
September,	16	26	4	46	10	3	6	1	2	3	4	1	4	1	3	3	.	.	2	46
October,	11	17	1	29	5	1	1	1	.	4	1	4	2	3	3	2	.	.	2	29
November,	18	13	1	32	3	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	3	3	3	1	1	3	32
December,	12	18	1	31	1	1	3	2	2	2	3	3	.	7	3	3	.	.	1	31
January,	11	9	1	21	2	1	1	3	5	2	1	3	.	3	1	1	.	.	1	21
February,	16	13	2	31	5	.	3	3	3	4	4	.	3	3	1	1	.	.	4	31
March,	10	19	4	33	3	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	1	5	2	.	.	2	33
April,	11	13	1	25	2	1	1	.	2	3	5	2	2	2	3	2	.	.	.	25
Not stated,	3	8	47	58	2	.	1	1	1	2	.	1	.	.	2	.	.	48	58	
Total,	165	205	65	435	45	16	26	22	31	30	34	24	24	30	44	25	1	1	72	435

NORFOLK COUNTY.

MONTHS.	SEX.				AGES.												Total.			
	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Total.	Under 1 yr.	1 and un- der 2.	2 and un- der 5.	5 and un- der 10.	10 and un- der 20.	20 and un- der 30.	30 and un- der 40.	40 and un- der 50.	50 and un- der 60.	60 and un- der 70.	70 and un- der 80.	80 and un- der 90.		90 and un- der 100.	100 and over.	Not stated.
May,	10	21	2	33	3	1	1	3	2	4	3	1	2	3	6	2	1	.	1	33
June,	28	15	.	43	2	1	5	.	2	3	3	6	9	3	7	6	2	.	1	43
July,	17	24	1	42	5	.	4	1	2	6	3	3	3	5	5	4	.	.	2	42
August,	23	24	6	53	18	5	1	.	3	5	10	2	2	2	1	1	.	.	3	53
September,	31	32	3	66	24	2	1	1	5	7	3	4	4	4	5	4	.	.	2	66
October,	27	37	.	64	15	5	7	1	6	3	2	3	2	8	10	4	.	.	.	64
November,	20	29	.	49	5	3	6	2	5	3	5	1	5	2	9	7	1	.	3	49
December,	28	31	3	62	6	4	3	2	2	5	9	2	5	2	9	7	4	.	2	62
January,	11	27	2	40	6	1	2	2	1	2	8	4	1	6	9	3	1	.	.	40
February,	21	15	3	39	6	3	5	2	2	3	1	1	3	2	2	2	1	.	2	39
March,	25	13	2	40	7	4	.	2	2	6	2	2	1	3	3	2	1	.	2	40
April,	11	13	1	25	2	4	2	2	2	3	1	.	1	.	4	2	.	.	2	25
Not stated,	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1
Total,	252	281	24	557	99	33	37	19	36	50	51	28	27	40	64	42	10	.	21	557

BRISTOL COUNTY.

MONTHS.	SEX.				AGES.												Total.			
	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Total.	Under 1 yr.	1 and un- der 2.	2 and un- der 5.	5 and un- der 10.	10 and un- der 20.	20 and un- der 30.	30 and un- der 40.	40 and un- der 50.	50 and un- der 60.	60 and un- der 70.	70 and un- der 80.	80 and un- der 90.		90 and un- der 100.	100 and over.	Not stated.
May,	13	13	2	28	3	.	4	2	3	3	1	.	2	2	5	2	.	.	1	28
June,	12	12	1	25	1	.	1	.	3	2	1	1	3	4	4	4	2	.	2	25
July,	13	22	2	37	3	2	2	1	3	1	7	.	3	6	4	1	2	.	4	37
August,	21	17	9	47	10	2	4	.	2	2	3	3	.	3	7	3	2	.	6	47
September,	24	24	12	60	13	6	8	1	2	3	4	4	.	5	2	2	1	.	9	60
October,	16	28	4	48	8	4	2	1	5	6	4	1	.	3	1	5	1	.	7	48
November,	16	17	4	37	7	.	3	1	3	6	3	1	.	3	4	3	1	.	3	37
December,	20	26	2	48	4	3	1	1	2	4	5	2	2	6	6	6	2	.	4	48
January,	21	13	1	35	5	1	2	2	1	3	3	2	1	3	5	3	1	.	4	35
February,	15	20	1	36	3	3	.	1	2	1	5	4	4	3	2	5	1	.	2	36
March,	26	19	2	47	4	5	4	.	3	8	4	2	2	4	3	2	2	.	4	47
April,	28	26	1	55	11	2	3	4	2	5	2	1	4	1	10	2	1	.	7	55
Not stated,	5	2	7	14	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13	14
Total,	230	239	48	517	72	28	34	15	31	44	42	21	18	43	53	38	12	.	66	517

PLYMOUTH COUNTY.

MONTHS.	SEX.				AGES.														Total.	
	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Total.	Under 1 yr.	1 and un- der 2.	2 and un- der 5.	5 and un- der 10.	10 and un- der 20.	20 and un- der 30.	30 and un- der 40.	40 and un- der 50.	50 and un- der 60.	60 and un- der 70.	70 and un- der 80.	80 and un- der 90.	90 and un- der 100.	100 and over.		Not stated.
May,	25	31	1	57	4	3	1	2	5	5	5	5	3	5	5	5	3	.	0	57
June,	20	20	.	40	6	2	1	2	4	4	1	.	1	2	7	5	5	.	3	40
July,	14	14	3	31	4	2	1	2	3	3	2	2	.	3	2	4	1	.	4	31
August,	18	24	5	47	11	3	5	2	2	2	1	2	2	4	4	3	1	.	6	47
September,	42	40	7	89	28	12	6	3	5	9	8	2	1	2	5	2	2	.	6	89
October,	22	27	5	54	8	5	2	1	4	12	4	1	1	2	5	2	2	.	7	54
November,	26	19	.	45	8	3	3	1	0	7	1	2	2	2	5	2	2	.	1	45
December,	26	30	.	56	3	1	4	2	4	3	4	4	3	13	8	5	2	.	1	56
January,	22	32	.	54	7	2	2	2	7	4	2	4	4	5	5	0	1	.	4	54
February,	22	17	.	39	3	1	4	1	2	3	2	2	3	5	7	0	1	.	2	39
March,	23	22	.	45	11	3	2	5	1	4	5	.	3	2	5	1	1	.	2	45
April,	17	29	.	46	7	3	5	1	2	8	2	2	2	6	4	4	.	.	2	46
Not stated,	.	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	3
Total,	277	308	21	606	100	40	36	22	44	64	37	26	24	50	60	46	14	.	43	606

BARNSTABLE COUNTY.

MONTHS.	SEX.			AGES.															
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Under 1 yr.	1 and un- der 2.	2 and un- der 5.	5 and un- der 10.	10 and un- der 20.	20 and un- der 30.	30 and un- der 40.	40 and un- der 50.	50 and un- der 60.	60 and un- der 70.	70 and un- der 80.	80 and un- der 90.	90 and un- der 100.	100 and over.	Not stated.	Total.
May.	15	19	35	7	2	6	3	2	2	2	1	3	3	1	1	1	.	1	35
June.	11	9	21	3	3	3	1	2	.	1	1	2	3	1	3	2	.	1	21
July.	12	22	35	8	4	1	1	1	3	2	1	3	3	1	3	1	.	3	35
August.	14	13	29	11	1	.	2	1	5	1	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	2	29
September.	24	33	60	15	10	3	2	4	7	4	4	.	4	3	2	.	.	2	60
October.	18	17	40	6	5	3	1	.	10	3	3	1	4	3	2	.	.	1	40
November.	13	17	30	4	3	5	.	1	6	2	.	1	2	3	4	.	.	1	30
December.	12	12	24	3	3	1	1	1	4	2	2	1	2	3	2	1	.	1	24
January.	9	17	27	4	3	2	1	3	3	1	2	1	1	5	1	.	.	1	27
February.	14	15	29	2	4	4	1	2	.	1	1	2	3	5	4	.	.	1	29
March.	19	8	29	5	5	6	.	2	1	1	.	1	2	4	2	1	.	1	29
April.	12	12	25	4	2	2	3	.	1	3	3	2	.	2	2	1	.	1	25
Not stated,	1	1	27	1	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24	27
Total,	174	195	411	73	43	36	16	20	42	23	19	17	25	35	20	6	.	36	411

DUKES COUNTY.

MONTHS.	SEX.				AGES.												Total.			
	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Total.	Under 1 yr.	1 and un- der 2.	2 and un- der 5.	5 and un- der 10.	10 and un- der 20.	20 and un- der 30.	30 and un- der 40.	40 and un- der 50.	50 and un- der 60.	60 and un- der 70.	70 and un- der 80.	80 and un- der 90.		90 and un- der 100.	100 and over.	Not stated.
May,	1	2	.	3	1	.	.	.	.	2	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
June, . . . . .	.	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	2
July,	4	5	.	9	2	2	2	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	7
August,	4	1	2	7	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	.	1	.	1	1	.	1	8
September,	3	1	1	5	3	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	2	1	1	.	1	5
October,	1	3	4	8	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	1	8
November,	1	.	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	4
December,	3	4	.	7	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	2	.	.	1	3	.	.	.	4
January,	1	1	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	2
February,	1	1	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	2
March, . . . . .	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1
April,	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Not stated, . . . . .	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1
Total,	19	20	10	49	6	2	3	.	3	6	3	4	.	1	7	5	4	.	5	49

NANTUCKET COUNTY.

Months.	SEX.				AGES.												Total.			
	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Total.	Under 1 yr.	1 and un- der 2.	2 and un- der 5.	5 and un- der 10.	10 and un- der 20.	20 and un- der 30.	30 and un- der 40.	40 and un- der 50.	50 and un- der 60.	60 and un- der 70.	70 and un- der 80.	80 and un- der 90.		90 and un- der 100.	100 and over.	Not stated.
May,	7	2	.	9	1	2	3	.	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
June,	5	10	.	15	5	.	.	.	3	1	2	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
July,	2	2	.	4	2	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	2	1	.	.	.	.	.
August,	10	9	.	19	6	4	1	2	.	1	1	1	.	1	1	1	.	.	.	.
September,	8	7	.	15	6	3	1	1	.	1	4	1	1	1	2	1	.	.	.	.
October,	8	4	.	12	2	1	1	.	.	1	.	1	1	2	.	1	.	.	.	.
November,	4	2	.	6	.	1	.	.	1	.	2	1	.	2	1	2	.	.	.	.
December,	3	3	.	6	.	1	1	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
January,	2	2	.	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	1	.	1	.	2	.	.	.	.
February,	1	2	.	3	1	1	1	.	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
March,	5	2	.	7	1	.	1	.	1	1	.	1	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
April,	1	2	.	3	1	1	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total,	56	51	.	107	25	13	9	4	8	8	9	9	2	7	8	5	.	.	.	107

2.—RECAPITULATION of Approximate Ages, for each Month.

MONTHS.	SEX.			AGES.												Total.				
	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Total.	Under 1 yr.	1 and un- der 2.	2 and un- der 5.	5 and un- der 10.	10 and un- der 20.	20 and un- der 30.	30 and un- der 40.	40 and un- der 50.	50 and un- der 60.	60 and un- der 70.	70 and un- der 80.		80 and un- der 90.	90 and un- der 100.	100 and over.	Not stated.
May,	250	329	23	602	71	27	38	36	51	73	45	47	38	48	59	31	11	.	27	602
June,	253	285	10	548	55	33	36	19	46	65	59	45	29	33	54	41	12	.	21	548
July,	250	321	29	600	94	26	39	27	42	63	48	36	36	43	47	46	13	2	38	600
August,	370	394	67	831	205	85	52	27	49	75	65	32	31	45	62	41	9	.	53	831
September,	426	450	64	940	247	92	69	29	59	88	64	53	31	56	56	48	3	.	45	940
October,	333	383	53	769	126	67	46	28	57	90	58	40	33	56	68	45	12	.	43	769
November,	294	334	21	649	68	35	50	26	46	81	60	29	29	49	71	58	17	1	29	649
December,	348	353	24	725	63	30	46	16	40	71	58	52	46	70	85	87	21	.	40	725
January,	286	338	26	650	83	35	35	30	49	57	48	46	37	54	67	59	13	1	36	650
February,	291	334	17	642	113	39	65	28	30	57	51	35	44	48	54	46	5	.	27	642
March,	317	309	29	655	99	46	42	30	37	65	65	37	35	44	65	36	13	.	41	655
April,	264	305	21	590	76	34	43	35	26	67	48	29	46	54	58	39	8	.	27	590
Not stated,	30	38	118	186	13	2	5	3	4	6	2	4	2	2	5	1	.	.	137	186
Total,	3712	4173	502	8387	1313	551	566	334	536	858	671	485	437	602	751	578	137	4	564	8387

3.—AVERAGE AGE of the Deceased deduced from the Approximate Ages, and also from the Ages specified in the Returns, exclusive of the Stillborn, and of those whose Ages are not specified, by Counties.

COUNTIES.	AGES.														APPROXIMATE AGGREGATE.		APPROXIMATE AVERAGE.		No. Persons stated.	RETURN AGGREGATE.			AVERAGE YEARS.
	Under 1 yr.	1 and 2.	2 and 5.	5 and 10.	10 and 20.	20 and 30.	30 and 40.	40 and 50.	50 and 60.	60 and 70.	70 and 80.	80 and 90.	90 and 100.	100 and over.	Total.	Years.	APPROXIMATE AVERAGE.	Years.		Mos.	Dys.		
Suffolk, . . .	14	9	10	1	4	19	16	7	3	.	.	2	.	.	85	1,808	21.27	85	1,744	6	12	20.52	
Essex, . . .	183	81	75	54	82	131	98	87	82	106	139	101	21	1	1241	45,240½	36.60	1236	43,735	1	18	35.38	
Middlesex, . . .	265	127	98	69	103	157	141	114	82	103	105	78	17	1	1460	44,148½	30.23	1448	42,826	6	28	29.57	
Worcester, . . .	242	96	106	53	94	158	115	87	84	102	132	110	27	1	1407	47,503½	33.76	1397	46,292	3	22	34.56	
Hampshire, . . .	59	30	35	20	32	52	38	25	25	36	41	36	7	.	436	15,097	34.62	428	14,594	3	11	34.09	
Hampden, . . .	41	22	31	27	27	58	31	16	25	29	32	25	8	.	372	12,569½	33.78	372	12,460	3	15	33.49	
Franklin, . . .	48	11	30	12	21	30	33	18	24	30	31	45	9	.	342	13,540½	39.59	342	13,971	2	26	40.85	
Berkshire, . . .	45	16	26	22	31	39	34	24	24	30	44	25	2	1	363	13,002½	35.81	360	12,884	.	19	35.78	
Norfolk, . . .	97	33	37	19	36	50	51	28	27	40	64	42	10	.	534	18,610	34.85	533	19,587	1	27	36.74	
Bristol, . . .	70	28	34	15	31	44	42	21	18	43	53	38	12	.	449	16,418½	36.56	445	16,292	2	23	36.61	
Plymouth, . . .	100	40	36	22	44	64	37	26	24	50	60	46	14	.	563	19,436	34.52	556	19,004	10	26	34.18	
Barnstable, . . .	70	43	36	16	20	42	23	19	17	25	35	20	6	.	372	10,810½	29.06	371	10,651	3	21	28.70	
Dukes, . . .	5	2	3	.	3	6	3	4	.	1	7	5	4	.	43	1,891	43.97	43	1,905	3	27	44.30	
Nantucket, . . .	25	13	9	4	8	8	9	9	2	7	8	5	.	.	107	2,723½	25.45	107	2,670	3	15	24.95	
Total, . . .	1264	551	566	334	536	858	671	485	437	602	751	578	137	4	7774	262,799½	33.80	7723	260,622	7	20	33.74	

The 51 cases which make the difference between the 7774 Approximate Ages, and the 7723 Ages specified in the returns, were infants, with no Age specified, and are included among those who died in the first year, in the 1st and 2nd part of Table IV; but are not included in the Return Aggregate of Years.

4.—PROPORTION OF DEATHS *per cent.* at different periods of life, according to the three Returns.

SEX AND AGE.	1842.			1843.			1844.		
	Deaths.	Proportion per cent.		Deaths.	Proportion per cent.		Deaths.	Proportion per cent.	
Males, .	4311	45.17	{ 93.12	4771	44.66	{ 94.37	3712	44.26	{ 94.02
Females, .	4576	47.95		5311	49.71		4173	49.76	
Not stated, .	657	6.88		602	5.63		502	5.98	
Total, .	9544	100.00	100.00	10,684	100.00	100.00	8387	100.00	100.00
Under 1 year,	1359	15.08	15.08	1762	17.33	17.33	1313	16.78	16.78
1 and under 2,	737	8.18	.	773	7.60	.	551	7.04	.
Under 2,	.	.	23.26	.	.	24.93	.	.	23.82
2 and under 5,	851	9.45	.	932	9.16	.	566	7.24	.
Under 5,	.	.	32.71	.	.	34.09	.	.	31.06
5 and under 10,	420	4.66	.	563	5.53	.	334	4.27	.
Under 10,	.	.	37.37	.	.	39.62	.	.	35.33
10 and under 20,	578	6.42	.	599	5.89	.	536	6.85	.
Under 20,	.	.	43.79	.	.	45.51	.	.	42.18
20 and under 30,	1052	11.68	.	1153	11.34	.	858	10.97	.
Under 30,	.	.	55.47	.	.	56.85	.	.	53.15
30 and under 40,	763	8.47	.	876	8.61	.	671	8.57	.
Under 40,	.	.	63.94	.	.	65.46	.	.	61.72
40 and under 50,	676	7.50	.	683	6.72	.	485	6.20	.
Under 50,	.	.	71.44	.	.	72.18	.	.	67.92
50 and under 60,	561	6.23	.	588	5.78	.	437	5.59	.
Under 60,	.	.	77.67	.	.	77.96	.	.	73.51
60 and under 70,	623	6.92	.	682	6.71	.	602	7.70	.
Under 70,	.	.	84.59	.	.	84.67	.	.	81.21
70 and under 80,	715	7.94	.	848	8.34	.	751	9.60	.
Under 80,	.	.	92.53	.	.	93.01	.	.	90.81
80 and under 90,	525	5.83	.	572	5.62	.	578	7.39	.
Under 90,	.	.	98.36	.	.	98.63	.	.	98.20
90 and under 100,	143	1.59	.	132	1.30	.	137	1.75	.
Under 100,	.	.	99.95	.	.	99.93	.	.	99.95
100 and over,	5	.05	.	7	.07	.	4	.05	.
Stated, .	9008	100.00	100.00	10,170	100.00	100.00	7823	100.00	100.00
Not stated, .	536	.	.	514	.	.	564	.	.
Total, .	9544	.	.	10,684	.	.	8387	.	.

The Approximate Aggregate of 9008 Ages, including 179 stillborn, in 1842, was 293,398½ years, and the Aggregate Average Age, 32.57 years.

Do. of 10,170 Ages, including 226 stillborn, in 1843, 310,895 years, and the Aggregate Average Age, 30.56 years.

Do. of 7823 Ages, including 49 stillborn, in 1844, 262,299½ years, and the Aggregate Average Age, 33.80 years.

Total of 27,001 Ages for the three years, including 454 stillborn, 867,093 years, giving the Average Age of 32.11 years.

5.—COMPARATIVE VIEW of the Approximate Ages in different Countries.

AGGREGATE FOR 3 YRS.		THE PROPORTION TO 1,000,000 DEATHS, WAS					
SEX AND AGE.	Deaths.	IN MASSACHUSETTS From 1842 to 1844.		IN ENGLAND From 1838 to 1841.		IN THE PRUSSIAN STATES From 1820 to 1834.	
Males,	12,794	447,108	} 938,459	508,483	.	515,785	.
Females,	14,060	491,351		491,517	.	484,215	.
Not stated,	1,761	61,541		.	.	.	.
Total,	28,615	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	.	1,000,000	.
Stillborn,	454	16,814	.	.	.	47,106	.
In the 1st yr.	3,980	147,402	.	216,112	.	237,635	.
Under 1 year,	4,434	.	164,216	.	216,112	.	284,741
1 & under 2,	2,061	76,331	.	82,281	.	.	.
Under 2,	.	.	240,547	.	298,393	.	.
2 & under 5,	2,349	86,997	.	98,431	.	160,132	.
Under 5,	.	.	327,544	.	396,824	.	444,873
5 & under 10,	1,317	48,776	.	50,754	.	49,915	.
Under 10,	.	.	376,320	.	447,578	.	494,788
10 & under 20,	1,713	63,442	.	61,795	.	42,760	.
Under 20,	.	.	439,762	.	509,373	.	537,548
20 & under 30,	3,063	113,440	.	77,692	.	52,364	.
Under 30,	.	.	553,202	.	587,065	.	589,912
30 & under 40,	2,310	85,553	.	66,292	.	53,842	.
Under 40,	.	.	638,755	.	653,357	.	643,754
40 & under 50,	1,844	68,294	.	61,496	.	62,886	.
Under 50,	.	.	707,049	.	714,853	.	706,640
50 & under 60,	1,586	58,739	.	61,838	.	77,627	.
Under 60,	.	.	765,788	.	776,691	.	784,267
60 & under 70,	1,907	70,624	.	79,793	.	97,415	.
Under 70,	.	.	836,412	.	856,484	.	881,682
70 & under 80,	2,314	85,701	.	84,771	.	80,276	.
Under 80,	.	.	922,113	.	941,255	.	961,958
80 & under 90,	1,675	62,035	.	49,957	.	33,172	.
Under 90,	.	.	984,148	.	991,212	.	995,130
90 & und. 100,	412	15,259	.	8,465	.	4,870	.
Under 100,	.	.	999,407	.	999,677	.	.
100 and over,	16	593	.	323	.	.	.
Stated,	27,001	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Not stated,	1,614	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total,	28,615	.	.	.	.	.	.

In England the Stillborn are excluded; and in the Prussian States, the number against "90 and under 100," includes those "WHO DIED AFTER COMPLETING THE 90TH YEAR." The number of Deaths registered in England in the 4 years was 1,372,686, of whom 697,988 were males, and 674,698 females; and the comparison in the above Table embraces only 1,369,787, the age of 2899 not being stated. The number of Deaths in the 15 years in the Prussian States was 5,457,209, including 257,068 "born dead," of whom 2,814,742 were males and 2,642,467 females.

	1	75	1	38	3	142	615	4	168	218	2	100	1	59
Manufacturer of Knives,														
Maat-makers,														
Mechanics,														
Millers,	1	30			2	144						100	1	
Millwright,												66		
Nailers,														
Oil Manufacturer,														
Painters,	2	91	1	43	5	186	9	2	95					
Paper-makers,			2	106		1			44					
Printers,	1	43	1	77							1	21		
Pump-makers,	1	48												
Razor-strap Makers,				47										
Rope-makers,	2	95	1	35										
Saddlers and Harness-	1	64						1	50					
makers,														
Sail-makers,	1	83	10	57										
Salt Manufacturers,														
Ship Carpenters, Ship-	6	346	10											
wrights,														
Stablers, Hostlers,	1	30	2	53										
Stone-cutters,	2	154	1	79	3	157	2	8	81		1	24		
Tailors,	1	53			5	137								
Tallow-Chandlers,	1	53												
Tanners and Leather														
Dressers,			3	115	2	106	521				2	96		
Telescope-maker,											1	25		
Tin-men,														
Victuallers,	1	33	11											
Wagon-makers,														
Wheelwrights,	2	87	25	76	1	23		3	169				2	100
Wood-Turners,								1	34					
Wool-Dyer,					1	42								
Total,	92	4316	512	3103	5	3880	128	30	1494	20	14	554	8	651

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	1	74	8	622	4	3	272	3	157	4	275	.	2	158
Paupers, and in Poor and Almshouses,	.													
Insane and Lunatic,	2	96		.	.	.	1	42	.
Non compos mentis,														
Deaf and Dumb,														
Total,	1	74	8	622	4	5	368		3	4	275	1	42	158
Dress-makers,	1	32	.	.	.	2	86		.	1	25	.	.	.
Milliners,	.	.	.	.	.				.		.	.	.	.
Nurse,	.	.	.	.	.				.		.	61	.	.
Shoe-binders,	1	36	.	.	.	1	23		.		.	.	.	.
Straw-braiders,	1	30	
Tailoresses,	2	91	8	1	1	27	1	37	43
Washer-woman,
Total,	2	68	.	.	.	6	230		1	2	52	2	98	43

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OCCUPATIONS.	NORFOLK COUNTY.				BRISTOL COUNTY.				PLYMOUTH COUNTY.				BARNSTABLE COUNTY.				DUKE'S COUNTY.				NANTUCKET COUNTY.				TOTAL.				AVERAGE AGE.
	AGE.				AGE.				AGE.				AGE.				AGE.				AGE.				AGE.				
	No.	Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	No.	Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	No.	Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	No.	Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	No.	Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	No.	Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	No.	Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	
Clergymen,	2	123															1	25	5	3					18	935	414	51.96	
Lawyers,																									7	311	818	44.92	
Physicians,	5	237			2	90			2	176	9	15									27	1464	10		27	1464	10		54.25
Professors, Tutors,																					2				2	75	2	7	37.16
Scholars, Students,	1	14											1	23	10										14	291	10		20.79
Teachers,	3	65			1	23	1	2													14				14	473	4		33.78
Total,	11	439			3	113	1	2	2	176	9	15	1	23	10		1	25	5	3					82	3551	1113		43.31
Booksellers,																													
Gentlemen,																									2	63			31.50
Manufacturers,	2	164							2	135	4	19	1	63											12	925	817		77.14
Pedlars,					1	38																			4	149	114		37.28
Merchants, Dry Goods Dealers, Grocers, Storekeepers, Traders,																									2	49			24.50
	4	224			2	57	3	15	7	311							1	75			4	255			59	3019	230		51.17
Total,	6	388			3	95	3	15	9	446	4	19	1	63			1	75			5	338	1		79	4206	521		53.24

	46	3081	6	33	2194	1012	40	2879	5	3	24	1570	1021	5	374	6	3	3	223		661	42,318	127	64.02
Agriculturists, Farmers, and Yeomen, . . .	46	3081	6	33	2194	1012	40	2879	5	3	24	1570	1021	5	374	6	3	3	223		661	42,318	127	64.02
Gardeners, . . .				1	72	222															2	129	222	64.60
Total, . . .	46	3081	6	34	2267	1440		2879	5	3	24	1570	1021	5	374	6	3	3	223		663	42,447	419	64.02
Clerks, Bank Messenger, Depot Master, . . .	1	19		1	17		1	23													11	270		24.54
Inspector, . . .																					1	44		44.00
Postmasters, . . .																					2	96		48.00
Soldier, . . .																					1	78		78.00
Surveyor of Lumber, . . .																					1	45		45.00
Toll-gatherer, . . .																					1	74		74.00
Warden of State Prison, . . .																					1	47		47.00
Total, . . .	1	19		1	17		1	23													19	731		38.47
Anchor-smith, . . .	1						1	76													1	76		76.00
Bakers, . . .		84					1	46													6	343	210	57.19
Barbers, . . .																					4	236	127	59.03
Basket-makers, . . .											1										1	69	1017	69.05
Blacksmiths, . . .				2	143	5	2	148	5	3		73									30	1,474	86	49.15
Boot and Shoe-makers and Shoe Dealers, . . .	12	447	415	5	209	327	15	608	623												110	4,395	629	39.95
Brick-layers, Masons, . . .																								
Stone-layers, Stone-masons, . . .	2	48	9	2	100		1	68	520												14	603	510	43.10
Butchers, . . .	1	28	116																		5	225	424	45.08
Cabinet-makers, . . .	2		60				1	63	65												11	499	115	45.44
Card-maker, . . .																					1	53		53.00

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OCCUPATIONS.	NORFOLK COUNTY.				BRISTOL COUNTY.				PLYMOUTH COUNTY.				BARNSTABLE COUNTY.				DUKE'S COUNTY.				NANTUCKET COUNTY.				TOTAL.				AVERAGE AGE.	
	AGE.				AGE.				AGE.				AGE.				AGE.				AGE.				No.	Yrs.	Mos.	Days.		
	No.	Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	No.	Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	No.	Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	No.	Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	No.	Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	No.	Yrs.	Mos.	Days.						
Carpenters, House Carpenters, Housewrights, Joiners, } Caulkers and Gravers, Chair-makers, Cigar-makers, } Tobaccoists, Clock-makers, Clothiers, Comb-makers, Coopers, Curriers, Furnace-men, Forge-men, Gas Preparer, Goldsmiths, } Jewellers, Silversmiths, Grave-digger, Gunsmith, Hatters, Innkeepers, Last-makers, Machinists, }	6	250			6	374	1		10	512	11	24	7	372	10	18									76	3908	17		51.42	
																										1	62			62.00
																										3	122			40.66
																										4	136			34.00
									1	46																1	46			46.00
																									2	143			71.50	
	1	81																							3	161			53.66	
	2	55	6						3	182	5														14	705	629			50.39
																									4	223	1	9	55.77	
									1	47	9	27													4	158	10	6	39.71	
																									1	25			25.00	
																									3	92			30.66	
									1	61															1	61			61.00	
																									1	30			30.53	
																									5	255	7		51.11	
									1	70															6	286	9	1	47.79	
	1	32							1	67	9	1													2	68	11	2	34.46	
									4	113	3	10													6	170	3	10	28.37	

Manufacturer of Knives,	24																					24	24.00
Mast-makers,																						75	75.00
Mechanics,																					16	722	45.17
Millers,	3	125			1	30						1	60								9	3	60.00
Millwright,																						26	26.51
Millers,					2	37	5														5	7	18.70
Oil Manufacturer,																						43	43.00
Painters,																					21	869	41.40
Paper-makers,																					4	177	44.25
Printers,					1	66															4	207	51.75
Pump-makers,																					1	48	48.00
Razor-strap Makers,																					1	47	47.00
Rope-makers,																					4	156	39.18
Saddlers and Harness- makers,																					2	114	57.00
Sail-makers,																					2	140	78.43
Salt Manufacturers,																					2	109	54.89
Ship Carpenters, Ship- wrights,																					10	648	64.85
Stablers, Hostlers,																					3	83	27.66
Stone-cutters,																					6	390	65.00
Tailors,																					12	534	44.56
Tallow-Chandlers,																					1	53	53.00
Tanners and Leather Dressers,																					8	395	49.47
Telescope-maker,																					1	25	25.00
Tin-men,																					1	19	19.75
Victuallers,	1	71																			2	104	52.47
Wagon-makers,																					2	100	50.00
Wheelwrights,																					10	415	41.50
Wood-Turners,																					1	38	34.00
Wool-Dyer,																					1	42	42.00
Total,	32	1307	1	29	1451	223	50	2506	928	12	601	5	31	1	60	2	115	445	20,517	2	2	2	46.10

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OCCUPATIONS.	NORFOLK COUNTY.			BRISTOL COUNTY.			PLYMOUTH COUNTY.			BARNSTABLE COUNTY.			DUKES COUNTY.			NANTUCKET COUNTY.			TOTAL.			AVERAGE AGE.
	AGE.			AGE.			AGE.			AGE.			AGE.			AGE.			No.	Yrs.	Mos.	Days.
	No.	Yrs.	Mos.	No.	Yrs.	Mos.	No.	Yrs.	Mos.	No.	Yrs.	Mos.	No.	Yrs.	Mos.	No.	Yrs.	Mos.				
Domestics, Servants, Waiters, } Laborers, } Operatives in factories, } Cotton-weavers, Mule- } spinners, } Teamsters, }	8	507	12 21	7	402	6 10 20	4	146	7 28	5	311		1	29		8	390	8	20	1129	6	56.47
	1	42																	158	8034	8 1	50.85
										1	43	7 21							9	266	5 21	29.60
																			4	153	7 21	38.41
Total,	9	549	12 28		1436	4 20	4	146	7 28	6	354	7 21	1	29		8	390	8	191	9584	3 13	50.17
Fish-dealer, } Fishermen, } Freighters, } Mariners, Sailors, Seamen, } Midshipman, } Pilots, }	4	150		3	100		8	378	8 18 21	2	75	1 23	2	52	1				1	68	7 23	68.00
										2									13	528	6	40.66
																			3	117	6	39.16
																			128	4739	8 4	37.02
																			1	17	6	17.50
																			1	74		74.00
Ship-masters or Master-mariners, } Seamen, } Shoremen, }							2	120		1	41	9							11	693	9	63.06
																			4	274	9 27	68.70
Total,	4	150		3	100		10	498	8 18 24	871	5 6	2	52	1		2	61		162	6513	10 24	40.90

Paupers, and in Poor and Almshouses,	.	5	378	4	244	5	10	1	90	.	.	.	.	31	2270	9	10	73.25
Insane and Lunatic,	1	74	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	212	.	.	53.00
Non compos mentis,																		
Deaf and Dumb,																		
Total,	1	74	5	378	4	244	5	10	1	90	.	.	.	35	2482	9	10	70.93
Dress-makers,	.	.	1	23	1	22	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	77	.	.	25.66
Milliners,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	111	.	.	37.00
Nurse,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	61	.	.	61.00
Shoe-binders,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	59	.	.	29.50
Straw-braiders,	.	.	1	18	3	64	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	48	3	3	24.13
Tailoresses,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7	268	8	8	41.23
Washer-woman,	1	80	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	80	.	.	80.00
Total,	1	80	2	41	3	86	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19	724	11	3	38.15

2.—RECAPITULATION of Occupations.

CLASSES.	SUFFOLK COUNTY.			ESSEX COUNTY.			MIDDLESEX COUNTY.			WORCESTER COUNTY.			HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.			HAMPTON COUNTY.			FRANKLIN COUNTY.			BERKSHIRE COUNTY.		
	No.	Yrs.	Age.	No.	Yrs.	Age.	No.	Yrs.	Age.	No.	Yrs.	Age.	No.	Yrs.	Age.	No.	Yrs.	Age.	No.	Yrs.	Age.	No.	Yrs.	Age.
Members of Professions, Capitalists and Merchants, Agriculturists,	1	27		10	453	8 6	11	557	3 9	23	1005	3 14	5	201		4	146	11 13	3	123	4 19	8	286	2 22
Public Officers,	1	25		20	1328	7 8	7	318	9 25	12	452	6 9	5	283	6	2	80		3	135	8 21	4	174	1 14
Employed in Arts and Trades,	2	70		58	3808	8 21	93	5867	20	161	10389	5 6	62	3456	6	8	2282	7 29	57	3567	9 8	41	2678	9 16
Laborers,	34	1097		2	155		5	188		4	114		2	69		39			1	74		1	47	
Seafaring,				92	4316	5 12	73	3103	5 9	88	3880	1 28	30	1494	20 14	14	554		8	406	3 21	12	651	2 7
Paupers,				14	770	1 28	32	1669	6 26	45	1997	3 27	9	542	1 15	10	457	5 21	7	335		18	906	2 25
				79	3408	8	4	275		5	368		3	157		4	275		1	42		2	158	
				1	74		8	622	4															
Total,	38	1219		276	14315	3 15	233	12601	5 29	338	18206	8 24	116	6203	2 13	73	3796	1 3 80	80	4684	2 9	96	4901	6 24
Females,				2	68					6	230	8	1	26		2	52		2	98		1	43	
Total,	38	1219		278	14383	3 15	233	12601	5 29	344	18437	4 24	117	6229	2 13	75	3848	1 3 82	82	4782	2 9	97	4944	6 24

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RECAPITULATION—Continued.

CLASSES.	NORFOLK COUNTY.			BRISTOL COUNTY.			PLYMOUTH COUNTY.			BARNSTABLE COUNTY.			DUKE'S COUNTY.			NANTUCKET COUNTY.			TOTAL.			AVERAGE AGE.		
	AGE.			AGE.			AGE.			AGE.			AGE.			AGE.			No.	AGE.				
	No.	Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	No.	Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	No.	Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	No.	Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	No.	Yrs.		Mos.	Days.			
Members of Professions, Capitalists and Merchants, Agriculturists, Public Officers, Employed in Arts and Trades, Laborers, Seafaring, Paupers,	11 6 46 1 32 9 4 1	437 388 3081 19 1307 549 150 74			3 3 34 1 29 28 3 5	113 95 2267 17 1451 1436 100 378	1 3 1 1 2 4 2 2	2 15 4 23 2506 728 818 510	2 9 40 1 50 4 1	176 446 2879 23 2506 146 498 244	9 4 28 1 2506 728 818 510	15 4 5 3 928 420 10 4	1 63 1570 . 601 354 871 90	5 10 21 . 5 721 5 6	3 3 10 . 3 721 6 6	1 1 5 . 1 1 2 .	25 75 374 . 60 29 52 .	1 1 5 . 1 1 2 .	6 6 6 . 6 6 6 .	11 1 19 . 20 8 2 35	1676 90,034 724 . 90,759 515 53.54	53.71 . 38.15 . 53.54		
Total,	110	6007	7	13	106	5858	1	4	120	6922	3	1	69	3575	2	21	11	616	6	1676	90,034	6	12	53.71
Females,	1	80			2	41	3	3	2	86										19	724	11	3	38.15
Total,	111	6087	7	13	108	5899	4	7	122	7008	3	1	69	3575	2	21	11	616	6	1695	90,759	5	15	53.54

3. (1.) *Number and Approximate Ages by Classes.*

OCCUPATIONS.	Under 20 years.	20 and under 30.	30 and under 40.	40 and under 50.	50 and under 60.	60 and under 70.	70 and under 80.	80 and under 90.	90 and under 100.	100 and over.	Total.
Clergymen, Preachers, -	-	1	4	5	2	1	4	1	-	-	18
Lawyers, -	-	1	2	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	7
Physicians, -	-	4	4	7	1	2	3	5	1	-	27
Professors, Tutors, -	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Scholars, Students, -	6	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Teachers, -	2	8	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	14
Total, -	8	22	12	16	3	4	9	7	1	-	82
Booksellers, -	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Gentlemen, -	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	5	-	-	12
Manufacturers, -	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	4
Merchants, Dry Goods Dealers, } Grocers, Storekeepers, Traders, }	-	13	11	7	3	11	11	3	-	-	59
Pedlers, -	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Total, -	-	17	13	8	4	13	16	8	-	-	79
Agriculturists, Farmers, Yeomen, -	18	40	43	55	73	97	169	142	23	1	661
Gardeners, -	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2
Total, -	18	40	43	55	74	97	170	142	23	1	663
Clerks, Bank Messengers, -	3	7	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	11
Depot-Master, -	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Inspector, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Postmasters, -	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Soldier, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Surveyor of Lumber, -	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Toll-gatherer, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Warden of the State Prison, -	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total, -	3	7	-	5	1	-	3	-	-	-	19
Anchorsmith, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Bakers, -	-	-	-	3	1	-	1	1	-	-	6
Barbers, -	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	4
Basket-maker, -	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Blacksmiths, -	1	4	7	1	3	6	6	1	1	-	30
Boot and Shoe-makers and Shoe-dealers, -	8	32	25	15	9	12	6	3	-	-	110
Brick-layers, Masons, Stone-layers, Stone-masons, -	1	2	4	1	2	4	-	-	-	-	14
Butchers, -	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	5
Cabinet-makers, -	2	1	3	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	11
Card-makers, -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Carpenters, House Carpenters, } Housewrights, Joiners, }	1	12	10	13	13	11	11	3	2	-	76
Caulker and Graver, -	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Chair-maker, -	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Cigar-makers, Tobacconists, -	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	4

CLASSES—Continued.

OCCUPATIONS.	Under 20 years.	20 and under 30.	30 and under 40.	40 and under 50.	50 and under 60.	60 and under 70.	70 and under 80.	80 and under 90.	90 and under 100.	100 and over.	Total.
Clock-maker, - - -	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Clothiers, - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
Comb-makers, - - -	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	3
Coopers, - - -	-	1	3	-	1	5	2	2	-	-	14
Curriers, - - -	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	4
Furnace men, Forge men,	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	4
Gass-preparer, - - -	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Goldsmiths, Jewellers, Silversmiths,	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Grave-digger, - - -	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Gunsmiths, - - -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hatters, - - -	-	2	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	5
Innkeepers, Innholders, -	-	1	2	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	6
Last-makers, - - -	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
Machinists, - - -	-	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Manufacturer of Knives, -	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Mast-makers, - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Mechanics, - - -	-	1	8	1	2	3	1	-	-	-	16
Millers, - - -	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	4
Millwright, - - -	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Nailers, - - -	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Oil-manufacturer, - - -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Painters, - - -	2	3	5	4	4	2	1	-	-	-	21
Paper-makers, - - -	-	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	4
Printers, - - -	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	4
Pump-makers, - - -	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Razor strap-maker, - - -	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Rope-makers, - - -	-	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	4
Saddlers and Harness-makers,	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2
Sail-makers, - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	2
Salt-manufacturers, - - -	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
Ship Carpenters, Shipwrights,	-	-	2	-	1	3	2	2	-	-	10
Stablers, Hostlers, - - -	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Stone-cutters, - - -	-	-	1	-	1	1	2	1	-	-	6
Tailors, - - -	1	2	3	2	1	-	1	2	-	-	12
Tallow Chandlers, - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tanners, Leather Dressers,	-	3	1	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	8
Telescope-maker, - - -	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tin-men, - - -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Victuallers, - - -	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
Wagon-maker, - - -	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
Wheelwrights, - - -	-	2	4	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	10
Wood-turner, - - -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Wool-dyers, - - -	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total, - - -	19	91	92	56	46	71	46	21	3	-	445
Domestics, Servants, Waiters, -	3	2	-	4	-	2	4	4	1	-	20
Laborers, - - -	4	23	25	24	21	30	17	13	1	-	158
Operatives in factories, Cotton- weavers, Mule-spinners, }	2	5	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	9
Teamsters, - - -	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	4
Total, - - -	9	31	26	30	22	33	21	17	2	-	191
Fish-dealers, - - -	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Fishermen, - - -	1	6	-	2	1	2	1	-	-	-	13
Freighters, - - -	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3

CLASSES—*Continued.*

OCCUPATIONS.	Under 20 years.	20 and under 30.	30 and under 40.	40 and under 50.	50 and under 60.	60 and under 70.	70 and under 80.	80 and under 90.	90 and under 100.	100 and over.	Total.
Mariners, Sailors, Seamen, . . .	13	32	37	20	11	10	2	3	.	.	128
Midshipmen, . . .	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Pilots, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
Ship-masters, Master-mariners, } Master-seamen, . . .	.	.	.	4	.	1	6	.	.	.	11
Shore-men, . . .	.	.	.	.	1	1	2	.	.	.	4
Total, . . .	15	38	39	26	14	15	12	3	.	.	162
Paupers—in Poor-houses and } Alms-houses, . . .	.	.	1	2	3	4	7	12	2	.	31
Insane, Lunatic, Non compos } mentis, Deaf and Dumb, . . .	.	.	1	1	.	.	2	.	.	.	4
Total, . . .	.	.	2	3	3	4	9	12	2	.	35
Dress-makers, . . .	.	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Milliners, . . .	.	2	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	3
Nurse, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1
Shoe-binders, . . .	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Straw-binders, . . .	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Tailoresses, . . .	.	3	1	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	7
Washer-woman, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
Total, . . .	1	8	4	1	1	2	1	1	.	.	19

3. (2.) RECAPITULATION of *Approximate Ages, by Classes.*

Members of Professions, . . .	8	22	12	16	3	4	9	7	1	.	82
Capitalists and Merchants, . . .	.	17	13	8	4	13	16	8	.	.	79
Agriculturists, . . .	18	40	43	55	74	97	170	142	23	1	663
Public Officers, . . .	3	7	.	5	1	.	3	.	.	.	19
Employed in Arts and Trades, . . .	19	91	92	56	46	71	46	21	3	.	445
Laborers, . . .	9	31	26	30	22	33	21	17	2	.	191
Sea-faring, . . .	15	38	39	26	14	15	12	3	.	.	162
Paupers, . . .	.	.	2	3	3	4	9	12	2	.	35
Total, . . .	72	246	227	199	167	237	286	210	31	1	1676
Females, . . .	1	8	4	1	1	2	1	1	.	.	19
Total, . . .	73	254	231	200	168	239	287	211	31	1	1695

3. (3) APPROXIMATE AGES, with the Return Ages, by Counties.

COUNTIES.	AGES.										APPROXIMATE AGGREGATE.		RETURN AGGREGATE.			RETURN AVE'GE.
	Under 20 years.	20 and un-der 30.	30 and un-der 40.	40 and un-der 50.	50 and un-der 60.	60 and un-der 70.	70 and un-der 80.	80 and un-der 90.	90 and un-der 100.	100 and over.	Total.	Years.	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.
Suffolk,	2	14	14	6	2	48	45	25	2	.	38	1,250	1,219	.	.	32.89
Essex,	10	45	44	32	27	31	37	29	6	.	278	14,550	14,383	8	15	51.73
Middlesex,	7	27	36	36	24	31	37	29	6	.	233	12,805	12,601	5	29	54.08
Worcester,	12	54	49	38	41	42	53	46	9	.	344	18,680	18,437	4	24	53.30
Hampshire,	9	16	14	15	10	13	22	18	.	.	117	6,275	6,229	2	13	53.24
Hampden,	4	17	6	5	9	14	10	10	.	.	75	3,925	3,848	1	3	51.30
Franklin,	4	11	7	7	9	9	15	18	2	.	82	4,820	4,782	2	9	58.31
Berkshire,	2	8	11	13	13	12	13	14	.	1	87	4,965	4,944	6	24	56.83
Norfolk,	4	15	16	16	8	12	23	14	3	.	111	6,135	6,087	7	13	58.31
Bristol,	6	16	12	10	8	19	22	13	2	.	108	5,940	5,899	4	7	54.62
Plymouth,	8	15	12	10	7	22	26	19	3	.	122	7,030	7,008	3	1	57.44
Barnstable,	5	10	7	8	9	12	13	2	3	.	69	3,635	3,575	2	21	51.81
Dukes,	.	3	1	1	.	1	3	1	1	.	11	625	616	.	6	56.00
Nantucket,	.	3	2	3	1	4	5	2	.	.	20	1,140	1,127	9	.	56.38
Total,	73	254	231	200	168	239	287	211	31	1	1635	91,815	90,759	5	15	53.54
																54.16

TABLE VI.—*Nosological Tables.*1.—DISEASES *Nosologically arranged by Counties.*

DISEASES OF THE BRAIN AND NER- VOUS SYSTEM.	SUFFOLK.	ESSEX.	MIDDLESEX.	WORCESTER.	HAMPSHIRE.	HAMPDEN.	BERKSHIRE.	FRANKLIN.	NORFOLK.	BRISTOL.	PLYMOUTH.	BARNSTABLE.	NANTUCKET AND DUKES.	TOTALS.
Disease of the Brain,	•	7	11	14	•	4	5	2	4	1	1	•	•	49
Inflam'n of the Brain,	1	21	24	17	5	2	2	3	4	1	3	9	1	93
Dropsy in the Head,	5	25	43	31	2	3	8	2	7	1	4	3	•	134
Apoplexy, •	1	22	14	18	6	2	3	2	5	2	3	3	2	83
Epilepsy, •	•	3	5	3	•	•	2	1	•	•	•	1	•	15
Lethargy, •	•	1	1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	2
Palsy, •	•	18	14	34	7	2	5	6	4	5	8	5	3	111
Insanity, •	•	2	2	3	2	•	•	1	•	•	•	•	•	10
Fits, •	•	21	28	18	11	6	3	11	7	5	7	8	5	130
Lockjaw, •	•	•	1	1	•	•	1	•	•	•	•	•	•	3
Neuralgia, •	•	•	2	1	•	•	1	1	•	•	•	•	•	5
Nervous Affection, •	1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	1
Spinal Disease, •	•	4	1	6	•	1	1	2	•	•	1	•	•	16
Spina bifida, •	•	•	1	1	•	•	•	•	1	•	•	•	•	3
Chorea, •	•	1	•	•	•	2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	3
Totals, •	8	125	147	147	33	22	31	31	32	15	27	29	11	658
DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY ORGANS.														
Asthma, •	•	2	•	•	1	•	•	1	•	•	•	•	•	4
Asphyxia, •	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	3	2	•	•	5
Quinsy, •	•	1	•	•	1	•	•	•	•	•	•	1	•	3
Croup, •	1	24	20	27	7	7	2	4	12	3	3	11	2	123
Bronchitis, •	•	6	4	2	•	•	1	•	•	•	2	•	•	15
Inflammation of the Lungs, •	3	73	80	53	17	10	19	16	18	19	13	17	2	340
Inflammation of the Larynx, •	•	•	•	2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	2
Pleurisy, •	1	2	5	2	4	•	4	2	1	•	1	3	1	26
Dropsy of the Chest,	1	2	5	4	•	1	•	1	•	•	•	2	•	17
Consumption, •	19	294	375	287	97	47	63	60	114	83	94	81	39	1653
Totals, •	25	404	489	377	127	65	89	84	146	108	115	115	44	2188
DISEASES OF THE URINARY AND GEN- ITAL ORGANS.														
Disease of the Kid- neys, •	•	1	2	•	2	1	1	•	•	1	1	•	•	9
Disease of the Blad- der, •	•	•	•	•	•	•	1	•	1	1	•	•	1	4
Diabetes, •	•	•	2	2	•	•	1	1	1	•	•	•	•	7
Gravel, •	•	1	3	•	2	•	2	2	•	1	•	•	•	11
Strangury, •	•	1	•	•	•	•	3	•	•	•	•	•	•	4
Chlorosis, •	•	1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	1
Childbed, •	•	4	6	9	1	1	2	1	1	1	•	2	1	30
Uterine Disease, •	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	1	•	•	1	•	•	1
Totals, •	•	8	13	11	5	2	10	5	3	4	2	2	2	67

DISEASES *Nosologically arranged by Counties—Continued.*

DISEASES OF THE ORGANS OF DIGES- TION.	SUFFOLK.	ESSEX.	MIDDLESEX.	WORCESTER.	HAMPSHIRE.	HAMPDEN.	BERKSHIRE.	FRANKLIN.	NORFOLK.	BRISTOL.	PLYMOUTH.	BARNSTABLE.	NANTUCKET AND DUKES.	TOTALS.
Inflammation of the														
Bowels, .	1	21	26	15	11	2	2	5	.	3	5	5	2	98
Throat, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
Stomach, .	.	4	3	2	2	.	.	.	1	.	1	3	.	16
Liver, .	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	4
Peritoneum, .	.	1	1	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	6
Bowel Complaint, .	2	31	42	20	2	.	4	1	13	5	18	3	.	141
Colic, .	.	1	4	4	4	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	15
Stoppage, .	1	1	2	5	.	.	1	.	.	3	3	2	.	18
Hernia, .	.	3	5	5	.	.	.	.	.	4	2	.	.	19
Teething, .	2	2	12	5	.	1	.	.	1	2	1	9	1	36
Canker, .	.	4	10	2	1	.	1	.	3	.	.	.	1	22
Worms, .	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	4
Jaundice, .	.	.	1	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	.	7
Dyspepsia, .	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	6
Liver Complaint, .	.	5	5	8	1	1	4	2	.	.	1	.	.	27
Totals, .	6	74	112	77	23	5	13	9	19	18	35	25	4	420
DISEASES OF THE ORGANS OF CIRCUL- ATION.														
Anemia, .	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	4
Aneurism, .	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Angina Pectoris, .	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Disease of Heart, .	5	29	20	16	6	4	3	7	6	2	4	5	3	110
Ossification of Arte- ries, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
Hæmorrhage, .	3	6	1	4	.	.	3	1	1	1	1	2	.	23
Dropsy of Heart, .	.	2	2	5	4	1	5	.	2	1	.	1	.	23
Totals, .	8	38	26	26	11	5	11	8	9	4	7	8	3	164
ENDEMIC, EPIDEMIC AND CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.														
Chicken Pox, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Small Pox, .	.	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	11
Scarlet Fever, .	2	41	30	69	42	23	28	16	16	13	27	12	11	330
Measles, .	2	4	14	2	2	.	.	1	1	2	1	5	.	34
Hooping Cough, .	3	12	16	8	3	.	.	3	5	1	.	12	.	63
Diarrhœa, .	3	5	5	4	3	.	3	1	1	3	1	.	4	33
Dysentery, .	.	9	32	27	.	1	5	12	8	16	4	2	4	120
Yellow Fever, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	2
Cholera Morbus, .	1	8	10	3	1	.	.	1	1	1	3	.	.	29
Cholera Infantum, .	3	7	28	24	1	1	.	1	9	4	6	3	3	90
Influenza, .	.	9	10	13	3	1	1	17	1	4	8	.	1	68
Fever, .	4	40	82	53	27	13	9	18	21	6	13	11	9	306
Puerperal, .	.	5	6	2	3	.	1	.	2	4	10	.	.	33
Bilious, .	1	2	.	4	2	.	4	2	.	1	1	.	3	20
Typhus, .	1	28	64	92	13	19	22	6	25	16	34	9	4	333
Erysipelas, .	.	12	14	25	6	12	2	11	6	7	8	1	.	104
Totals, .	20	189	312	326	107	70	75	89	96	79	116	58	39	1576

DISEASES *Nosologically arranged by Counties—Continued.*

DISEASES OF UNCERTAIN SEAT.	SUFFOLK.	ESSEX.	MIDDLESEX.	WORCESTER.	HAMPSHIRE.	HAMPDEN.	BERKSHIRE.	FRANKLIN.	NORFOLK.	BRISTOL.	PLYMOUTH.	BARNSTABLE.	NANTUCKET AND DUKES.	TOTALS.
Inflammation, .	4	5	6	14	2	1	.	2	1	.	1	2	1	39
Abscess, .	.	.	5	1	2	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	9
Dropsy, .	1	51	31	27	12	3	10	3	6	5	8	3	4	164
Debility, .	.	.	8	6	2	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	25
Marasmus, .	.	5	10	15	4	.	4	1	1	2	2	4	.	48
Cancer, .	1	20	13	17	3	6	4	3	4	5	13	2	4	95
Purpura, .	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	3
Rash, .	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Ulcer, .	.	2	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	7
Mortification, .	.	7	2	8	2	.	.	.	3	2	1	.	.	25
Rheumatism, .	.	1	3	5	1	.	1	.	2	.	.	1	.	14
Scrofula, .	.	2	5	7	6	2	1	.	.	.	1	3	.	27
Hip Disease, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1
Tumor, .	.	2	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	5
Malformation, .	.	.	.	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Malpractice, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Casualty, .	.	15	17	18	6	5	4	1	6	4	1	4	.	1
Fracture, .	2	1	2	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	87
Violence, .	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	3
Murder, .	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Drowned, .	.	34	10	7	1	3	7	1	5	4	7	8	1	88
Burns and Scalds, .	.	2	6	4	2	1	.	2	2	1	.	1	1	22
Frozen, .	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Poisoned, .	.	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	6
Suicide, .	.	2	5	14	1	2	1	3	2	1	1	.	.	32
Fungus Hæmatodes, .	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Lupus, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
Gout, .	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Leprosy, .	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Cachexia, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	2
Infantile, .	2	83	118	115	23	24	27	26	56	51	70	53	17	665
Stillborn, .	.	15	25	.	.	1	.	.	2	2	.	3	1	49
Sudden, .	.	6	4	3	2	.	2	1	2	3	.	1	3	27
Intemperance, .	.	3	15	9	2	3	1	3	1	3	.	.	.	40
Old Age, .	1	78	85	118	36	34	19	56	70	33	56	34	12	632
Unknown, .	10	126	99	108	95	137	123	32	87	170	135	53	9	1184
Totals, .	21	469	479	505	202	226	206	134	252	289	304	174	53	3314

2.—RECAPITULATION.

DISEASES.	SUFFOLK.	ESSEX.	MIDDLESEX.	WORCESTER.	HAMPSHIRE.	HAMPDEN.	BERKSHIRE.	FRANKLIN.	NORFOLK.	BRISTOL.	PLYMOUTH.	BARNSTABLE.	NANTUCKET AND DUKES.	TOTALS.
Brain and Nerves, .	8	125	147	147	33	22	31	31	32	15	27	29	11	658
Respiratory Organs,	25	404	489	377	127	65	89	84	146	108	115	115	44	2188
Urinary and Genital Organs, .	.	8	13	11	5	2	10	5	3	4	2	2	2	67
Digestive Organs, .	6	74	112	77	23	5	13	9	19	18	35	25	4	420
Circulatory Organs,	8	38	26	26	11	5	11	8	9	4	7	8	3	164
Endemic, Epidemic and Contagious, .	20	189	312	326	107	70	75	89	96	79	116	58	39	1576
Uncertain Seat, .	21	469	479	505	202	226	206	134	252	289	304	174	53	3314
Grand Total, .	88	1307	1578	1469	508	395	435	360	557	517	606	411	156	8387

3.—Nosological Table of Diseases—shewing in what Months, and at what Ages, they proved fatal.

DISEASES OF THE BRAIN AND NERVES.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Not stated.	Totals.	Under 1.	1 to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Over 100.	Not stated.
Disease of Brain.	5	2	8	9	4	3	1	1	1	3	3	7	.	49	4	4	5	6	6	3	5	1	3	5	3	.	.	.	4
Inflammation of Brain.	7	8	6	13	7	8	7	8	7	2	9	9	2	93	14	11	14	13	17	10	5	4	1	2	.	.	.	.	2
Dropsy of Head.	10	9	11	12	15	7	13	10	7	18	9	12	1	134	40	30	26	14	8	4	2	1	.	2	1	.	.	.	6
Apoplexy.	2	6	2	11	7	4	10	3	9	8	11	10	.	83	1	2	.	1	2	2	3	2	15	27	19	12	1	.	1
Epilepsy.	.	.	2	1	2	4	2	3	.	1	.	.	.	15	1	2	.	.	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	2
Lethargy.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Palsy.	17	9	4	5	9	12	8	10	13	5	9	10	.	111	.	.	1	.	3	1	1	7	9	27	35	23	1	.	4
Insanity.	.	1	2	.	1	.	.	3	1	1	.	.	.	10	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	1	1	1	1	1	.	.	4
Fits.	10	7	12	9	12	8	9	14	13	7	12	16	1	130	42	17	10	3	5	5	10	3	2	9	2	5	1	.	7
Lockjaw.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	3	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	1	1	1	1	.	.	.	.
Neuralgia.	1	1	.	.	.	2	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Nervous Affec- tion.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Spinal Disease.	5	1	1	4	1	.	.	1	.	2	1	.	.	16	1	1	1	.	4	5	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
Spina Bifida.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	.	1	2	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Chorea.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	1	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Totals.	58	44	48	66	59	48	51	54	56	47	56	67	4	658	115	64	58	38	44	38	30	23	33	77	65	41	2	.	30

Nosological Table—by Months and Ages—Continued.

DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY ORGANS.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Not stated.	Totals.	Under 1.	1 to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Over 100.	Not stated.
Asthma, .	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Asphyxia, .	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	3	1	1	.	.	.	5	1	.	1	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Quinsy, .	.	.	.	.	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	18	52	20	.	.	1	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
Croup, .	4	6	6	2	8	12	13	13	12	17	17	11	2	123	28	3	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	3	4	.	.	.	.
Bronchitis, .	1	3	.	1	.	2	.	3	1	2	.	2	.	15	.	3	2	.	.	.	1	1	1	3	4	.	.	.	.
Inflammation of Lungs, .	22	15	15	11	11	15	17	48	40	56	60	30	.	340	64	37	26	8	7	12	20	19	27	39	39	28	1	.	13
" Larynx, .	.	1	3	.	1	.	4	1	3	4	2	1	.	2	.	.	1	1	2	3	3	.	4	1	.	.	.	.	.
Pleurisy, .	3	1	3	2	1	.	4	2	3	4	2	1	.	26	.	1	.	1	.	3	3	3	4	7	1	.	.	.	1
Dropsy of Chest, .	.	2	3	.	.	1	3	2	.	1	3	2	.	17	.	.	1	1	.	1	2	3	2	2	3	3	.	.	1
Consumption, .	151	126	143	130	157	136	129	130	141	135	127	133	151653	151653	3	41	21	18	172	412	281	184	139	142	131	35	5	.	69
Totals, .	182	154	171	146	178	167	167	203	199	216	209	179	172188	172188	96	100	104	49	181	428	310	210	172	196	182	66	6	.	88

Nosological Table—by Months and Ages—Continued.

DISEASES OF URINARY AND GENITAL OR- GANS.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Not stated.	Totals.	Under 1.	1 to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Over 100.	Not stated.
Disease of Kid- neys, . . .	1	1	.	.	2	.	.	.	2	2	.	1	.	9	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	1	3	2	2	.	.
Disease of Blad- der, . . .	1	.	1	1	1	.	.	2	.	.	1	1	.	4	.	.	1	.	1	1	2	.	.	3	1	.	.	.	
Diabetes, . . .	2	1	1	1	1	1	.	2	1	1	.	2	.	17	.	.	1	1	1	1	2	.	.	1	3	.	.	.	
Gravel, . . .	2	1	2	.	1	1	1	.	1	1	.	1	.	11	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	2	1	1	4	3	.	.	
Strangury, Chlorosis, Childbed, . . .	3	4	2	4	4	4	2	3	1	1	1	2	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	12	4	1	.	2	.	.	3	
Uterine Disease,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	30	.	.	.	1	9	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Totals,	9	6	6	5	9	5	3	5	5	5	2	7	.	67	.	.	1	1	3	11	14	7	4	5	12	6	.	3	

Nosological Table—by Months and Ages—Continued.

DISEASES OF THE ORGANS OF DIGESTION.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Not stated.	Totals.	Under 1.	1 to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Over 100.	Not stated.
Inflammation of	7	7	10	16	13	6	6	3	6	8	5	11	.	98	18	5	11	3	9	12	8	5	5	7	7	3	.	5	
Bowels,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Throat,	1	2	.	1	3	.	.	2	1	1	5	1	.	16	3	.	.	1	2	1	1	3	3	1	2	.	.	.	
Stomach,	1	2	.	3	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	1	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.
Liver,	1	2	.	3	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	6	.	.	.	1	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Peritoneum,	4	7	4	49	37	18	5	2	2	4	3	4	2	141	66	38	12	2	3	3	1	1	1	4	6	1	.	.	
Bowel Complaint,	1	1	2	4	1	2	1	4	3	3	2	3	3	27	1	1	.	.	.	.	4	2	9	7	3	.	.	.	
Liver Complaint,	1	2	2	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	15	1	1	.	.	4	1	2	3	3	1	1	.	.	.	
Colic,	3	1	2	2	3	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	3	18	.	.	.	.	1	1	2	3	3	1	1	2	.	.	
Stomach,	3	1	2	2	3	1	2	1	1	1	3	1	1	19	.	.	.	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	4	3	.	.	
Hernia,	4	1	2	4	3	2	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	36	17	16	3	1	.	1	1	1	2	3	4	3	.	.	
Teething,	2	2	2	3	13	6	3	1	3	1	1	2	2	22	13	1	3	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Canker,	1	1	1	8	3	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	4	1	1	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Worms,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	2	.	.	.	.	7	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Jaundice,	1	1	.	1	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	6	.	.	1	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dyspepsia,	1	1	.	1	2	1	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	4	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Totals,	24	22	22	92	78	42	22	17	28	20	21	29	3,420	119	62	31	12	22	21	19	20	23	27	34	10	2	18		

Nosological Table—by Months and Ages—Continued.

DISEASES OF THE CIRCULATO- RY ORGANS.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Not stated.	Totals.	Under 1.	1 to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Over 100.	Not stated.
Anemia,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Aneurism,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Angina Pectoris,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Disease of Heart,	10	9	10	3	8	6	11	17	9	7	10	7	3	110	6	2	3	3	9	10	14	8	15	21	11	1	1	1	1
Dropsey of Heart,	3	2	3	1	1	2	4	1	1	4	2	2	1	23	1	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	2	1	1	1
Ossification of Arteries,	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	3	4	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	1
Hemorrhage,	1	1	1	1	4	2	2	2	1	3	2	3	1	23	1	1	1	2	3	3	4	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	1
Totals,	16	13	15	4	12	10	18	19	10	15	14	14	4	164	6	7	6	7	13	16	19	17	19	26	16	4	4	8	8

Nosological Table—by Months and Ages—Continued.

ENDEMIC, EPI- DEMIC AND CON- TAGIOUS DIS- EASES.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Not stated.	Totals.	Under 1.	1 to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Over 100.	Not stated.
Chicken Pox,	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Small Pox,	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Scarlet Fever,	23	36	23	24	30	28	23	23	28	27	36	29	29	330	49	42	123	59	32	8	4	1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Measles,	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Whooping Cough,	3	4	5	11	9	10	1	5	5	4	9	3	3	63	29	17	12	2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Diarrhea,	2	1	1	7	11	6	2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Dysentery,	1	2	8	39	46	12	5	•	3	1	1	1	1	120	22	34	25	7	2	2	3	3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Cholera Morbus,	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
“ Infantum,	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Influenza,	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Fever,	23	9	18	26	47	23	39	30	28	16	31	15	15	366	10	24	21	13	36	51	30	1	5	10	15	21	3	•	•
Puerperal,	4	2	1	1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Bilious,	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Typhus,	8	10	8	28	48	90	57	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Yellow,	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Erysipelas,	12	14	7	3	1	4	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Totals,	81	88	87	193	340	199	137	122	120	94	119	90	61576	193	172	222	123	161	186	119	69	59	79	93	51	7	•	42	•

Nosological Table—by Months and Ages—Continued.

DISEASES OF UNCERTAIN SEAT.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Not stated.	Totals.	Under 1.	1 to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Over 100.	Not stated.
Inflammation,	3	5	2	4	6	1	1	3	4	6	2	2	1	39	9	1	3	3	5	6	3	3	3	2	1	2	1	1	1
Abscess,	1	13	2	2	13	1	1	18	16	13	15	12	1	9	2	3	9	6	7	10	14	12	20	23	35	16	1	1	1
Dropsy,	11	13	9	14	13	11	18	18	16	13	15	12	1	104	6	3	1	1	7	1	2	2	2	4	8	16	1	1	1
Debility,	3	1	1	1	4	5	4	4	3	2	6	1	1	25	3	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	3	3	7	1	1	1	1
Marasmus,	2	2	5	7	7	7	4	3	7	3	6	11	2	48	16	6	3	2	2	2	1	12	15	18	10	4	1	1	1
Cancer,	9	3	11	6	9	4	6	12	7	6	10	11	1	95	3	1	1	1	1	1	4	12	24	15	18	10	4	1	1
Purpura,	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Rash,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ulcer,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mortification,	1	3	1	2	5	2	2	2	2	4	1	1	1	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	3	6	7	2	1	1
Rheumatism,	1	4	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	4	5	1	1	1	1
Scrofula,	3	1	1	6	5	2	4	3	1	1	2	3	3	27	3	6	1	6	3	3	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	1
Hip Disease,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Tumor,	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Malformation,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Malpractice,	10	6	4	7	9	7	7	11	9	3	5	3	3	81	1	4	4	10	8	10	6	11	6	7	6	4	2	1	1
Casualty,	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Fracture,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Violence,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Murder,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Drowned,	4	11	11	18	7	7	2	2	2	8	2	8	8	88	1	1	5	11	21	24	9	6	3	2	1	1	1	1	1
Burns and Scalds,	2	1	1	1	1	4	2	5	2	2	1	1	1	22	1	4	9	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Frozen,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Poisoned,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

4.—RECAPITULATION of Nosological Table, by Months and Ages.

DISEASES.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Not stated.	Totals.	Under 1.	1 to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	Over 100.	Not stated.
Brain & Nerves,	58	44	48	66	59	48	51	54	56	47	56	67	4	658	115	64	58	38	44	38	30	23	33	77	65	41	2	30	
Respiratory Or- gans, .	182	154	171	146	178	167	167	203	199	216	209	179	17	2188	96	100	104	49	181	428	310	210	172	196	182	66	6	88	
Urinary & Geni- tal Organs, .	9	6	6	5	9	5	3	5	5	5	2	7	.	67	.	.	1	1	3	11	14	7	4	5	12	6	.	3	
Digestive Or- gans, .	24	22	22	92	78	42	22	17	28	20	21	29	3	420	119	62	31	12	22	21	19	20	23	27	34	10	2	18	
Circulatory Or- gans, .	16	13	15	4	12	10	18	19	10	15	14	14	4	164	6	7	6	7	13	16	19	17	19	26	16	4	.	8	
Endemic, Epi- demic & Con- tagious, .	81	88	87	193	240	199	137	122	120	94	119	90	6	1576	193	172	222	123	161	186	119	69	59	79	93	51	7	42	
Uncertain Seat,	232	223	251	325	374	298	251	305	232	245	234	204	152	3314	784	146	144	104	112	158	160	139	127	192	349	400	120	4375	
Totals,	602	548	600	831	940	769	649	725	650	642	655	590	186	8387	1313	551	566	334	536	858	671	485	437	602	751	578	137	4564	

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FOURTH
ANNUAL REPORT
TO THE
LEGISLATURE,
RELATING TO THE
REGISTRY AND RETURNS
OF
BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS
IN
MASSACHUSETTS.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30TH, 1845.

BY JOHN G. PALFREY,
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE; December, 1845.

*To the Honorable Senate
and House of Representatives :*

I have the honor to submit the following Report of proceedings had, during the present political year, under the Act of 1844 (Chapter 159), "relating to the Registry and Returns of Births, Marriages and Deaths."

In the last week of April, I forwarded blanks to the town clerks for the Returns required by law. I also addressed to them the following letter :—

"SIR ;

"THE duty of town clerks and others, in respect to the 'Registry and Returns of Births, Marriages, and Deaths,' is prescribed in the Act of 1844, Chap. 159, of which there is a copy at the beginning of the Register forwarded to you from this office last year. No alteration has been made in the law.

"Your return to this department, due in the course of the month of June next, is to include all Births, Marriages and Deaths, 'which have happened during the year next preceding *the first day of May,*' 1845, within your town. These events should in no case be embraced in your Return to this office, unless they occur *within your town limits*, though, if you see fit also to enter in your *Register* the Marriages, &c. of your citizens, when they take place out of town, there is no objection.

"In the *Registers*, as I informed you last year, there are some columns prepared to receive entries, which it is optional with the town clerks to make or omit ; for instance, the columns headed *informant*, and *place of interment*. But the blanks now sent are prepared for no other entries except those required by law to be returned. The *column* in the *Register* headed *place of birth* will, by clerks of large towns, be found convenient for entering the *streets*, or *parts of the town*, in which Births respectively took

place. But the *Return* is to give no other place of birth but the *town*, and this is to be entered in the blank space of the line running across the top of the *Return*.

"Be pleased to write out *in words*, at the head of the blanks, the whole number of Births, &c., which have taken place during the year, instead of expressing the number in figures. They are also to be numbered consecutively, 1, 2, 3, &c., in the left hand column, in the order in which they stand entered in your Register.

"The purport of the law in requiring a statement of the *condition* of persons deceased, &c., has been misconceived by some town officers. It is explained in the first section of the Act to relate to the state of the parties as *married* or *single*.

"Each entry of a Birth or Death will occupy only *one line* of the blank return. *Two lines* will be requisite for each entry of a Marriage, one containing the name of the groom, the other of the bride.

"The clerks of large towns will receive herewith ruled sheets, which, when attached to the printed blank, are thought to be about sufficient to contain their record. If not, it may be easily extended by the addition of paper ruled to conform. I forward two sets of blank returns *for Births*, one for the Return of the School Committee to you, the other for your return to this office.

"Some town officers have expressed the opinion that the duty of ascertaining the number of Births in each town during the year preceding the first of May, now imposed by the second section of the Act on School Committees, might be more conveniently discharged by the Assessors, who make their circuit in that month. You will perceive that there is no difficulty in making that arrangement in any town in which it would be agreeable to the two boards. The law expressly assigns the duty, and allows the compensation, "to the School Committee, or *other persons authorized by them*;" and the Assessors may be so authorized whenever the parties consent.

"The chief practical inconvenience experienced in the operation of the law is believed to have been in relation to certain particulars required in the Returns of clergymen, and other persons solemnizing Marriages. Allow me to suggest that it is in the power of town clerks to obviate this difficulty by making inquiry respecting these particulars when they receive an application to publish an intention of Marriage, and then entering them in the

certificate of publishment. The certificate being handed to the clergyman or justice (as the law requires) as his authority to unite the parties, will, with these additions, save the necessity of making the inquiries at an unsuitable time. After solemnizing the Marriage, the clergyman or justice can, of his own knowledge, fill out a certificate, beneath that of the town clerk, embracing all the further particulars required by law; and by merely enclosing these to the town clerk, the record becomes complete. The following is the form I propose.

TOWN OF LITCHFIELD.

An intention of marriage between *Mr. John Tolman, of Hapsburg, Mass., a carpenter by occupation, aged twenty-eight, a widower, son of Jesse and Lucy Tolman, and Miss Sarah Beverly, of Litchfield, Mass., aged twenty-three, daughter of Stephen and Eliza Williams Beverly*, hath been entered with me for the space of fourteen days, and due publication thereof made as the law directs.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, this *twenty-first* day of *May*, 1845.

JOSEPH BAXTER, Town Clerk.

The clergyman or other person solemnizing the Marriage of the above described parties is requested to fill out the following certificate, and enclose both certificates "To the Town Clerk of" the town *within which the Marriage takes place*.

On the *twenty-second* day of *May*, 1845, the above described parties were united in marriage at *Litchfield*, by me, *Joseph Bandon, a clergyman, residing in Stockton, Mass.*

"I send you herewith a specimen of blank certificates upon this plan. Should you be disposed to use them, such further supply as you may desire will be delivered at this office to your order.

"Blanks of the following tenor, to be placed in the hands of sextons, &c., for the Returns required in the fourth section of the Act, will also be furnished to you at this office, if, in your opinion, they would be found convenient.

I certify that, on the *thirtieth* day of *June*, 1845, I attended at the funeral of *George Stacey, who, as I am informed and believe, was a single man, a shipwright by occupation, aged forty years, six months, and three days, son of Robert and Caroline Stacey, born in Albany, New York, and died in Capua, Mass., of typhus fever, on the twenty-sixth day of June, 1845.*

BENJAMIN MUNSON, Sexton.

"Trusting that the Registration Returns of this year will prove to have a fulness and accuracy such as to answer the expectations of the Legislature in establishing the system,

I have the honor to be, Sir, &c."

The number of Births, Marriages, and Deaths returned from the several towns is in the first place given in full in the following pages, with the population of the towns according to the census of 1840 (pp. 1—10). The returns of the three preceding years since the adoption of the Registration system, exhibited in corresponding columns, show by comparison the progress of interest in the object during the four years. The number of Births returned in the Commonwealth in 1845, was greater than in any former year. (See Recapitulation by Counties, p. 11.) Those of Marriages and Deaths were not so large as in 1842 and 1843, before the law required so many particulars to be returned. But, on the other hand, they were in both cases larger than those of 1844, indicating that the new system is getting into favor.

Fifteen towns made no returns whatever, viz. Boston, in Suffolk County; Beverly, in Essex; Littleton and Tewksbury, in Middlesex; Douglas, in Worcester; Prescott, in Hampshire; Russell, in Hampden; Conway, in Franklin; Cheshire, Mount Washington, and Tyringham, in Berkshire; Walpole, in Norfolk; Hanson and Middleborough in Plymouth; and Dennis, in Barnstable. Ipswich, in Essex; Ashby, in Middlesex; Worcester, Upton, and Westborough, in Worcester; Chesterfield, in Hampshire; Holland, in Hampden; Montague and Northfield, in Franklin; Sandisfield and Great Barrington, in Berkshire; and Duxbury and Abington, in Plymouth (thirteen towns), returned no Births. West Cambridge, in Middlesex; Upton, in Worcester; Chester, in Hampden; Heath and Munroe, in Franklin; Dalton, Hancock, and Clarksburg, in Berkshire; and Rehoboth, in Bristol (nine towns), returned no Marriages. Dracut and West Cambridge, in Middlesex; Blackstone, Westborough, and Winchendon, in Worcester; Palmer, in Hampden; Greenfield and Northfield, in Franklin; Clarksburg and Great Barrington, in Berkshire; Roxbury, in Norfolk; Dartmouth and Pawtucket, in Bristol; and Abington, in Plymouth (fourteen towns), returned no Deaths. The return from Rochester, in Plymouth, was made too late to be incorporated in the tables. It represents 124 Births, and 11 Marriages, to have taken place during the Registration year.

The population in 1840 was 3,875. The absence of any return from the city of Boston is particularly to be regretted, not only because it contains a seventh or eighth part of the population of the Commonwealth, but because the peculiarity of the position and occupations of its citizens is connected with questions of special importance in relation to vital statistics.

In the Returns of the respective towns there is a great difference in respect to fulness and accuracy, not only in the statement of numbers, but also of the various other particulars required by law. The whole number of births and deaths returned probably does not very much exceed one half of what actually took place in the Commonwealth. That of marriages is probably about three quarters. The reasons of the great imperfection in many of the Returns are suggested in the very judicious communications of the town clerks, large extracts from which are collected in the body of Notes appended to the Synopsis of Returns (pp. 13—34).

Many of the Returns are made up to *June 1*, instead of *May 1st*, 1845. All entries of this kind are omitted in the following Synopsis and Tables, and should be inserted in the Returns of next year. The following extract from my letter of April 15, 1844, to the town clerks will show the true construction of the law upon that subject:—

“The first section directs the clerks to transmit, in June, a record ‘of births, marriages and deaths which have occurred within their respective towns during the year next preceding *the first day of said month*,’ while the second section directs the school committees annually to make returns in May, of ‘all the births which have happened during the year next preceding *the first day of said May*.’ The latter provision is so express as to leave no doubt of what was intended in respect to births; and it was evidently the intention of the Legislature that the registration year should have the same limits for marriages and deaths as for births. Further; the law, when it directs the Clerks to make their returns to the Secretary *in June*, leaves them at liberty to make it in the first days of that month, at which time the latest returns of marriages and deaths in their possession will be of such as took place in April. Accordingly, your annual return to this office will include births, marriages and deaths happening in the ‘year next preceding the first day of *May*.’”

The Returns exhibit many births, and some marriages, which occurred in previous years. Such entries are of course passed over in the Synopsis and Tables. The town clerks have frequently entered the deaths of inhabitants of the town, dying in some other place. In disposing of such cases, the rule adopted in the following pages has been to include cases of death at sea or in a *foreign* port, but to omit all others, as being subjects of Registration in other parts of this country. When a town clerk has returned the death of an inhabitant of his town, as taking place in some other part of the Commonwealth, the entry has been transferred to the town in which the death took place.

In the arrangement of the Tables, a thing to be perfected by degrees, I persuade myself that a considerable improvement has been made on the plan of preceding years.

Table I relates to Births, and is divided into two parts. The first part (p. 35) exhibits the number of male and female children, and of those whose sex is not reported, born respectively in the several months and in the several counties. The labor of making this abstract for each of the *towns*, as was done last year (Third Registration Report, pp. 1—18,) was thought not to be compensated by any advantage resulting from so minute a specification. The second part (p. 36) exhibits the cases of more than one child at a birth, arranged under the heads of months, counties, and sex. It corresponds to the table on p. 21, of the last year's Report, with the additional item of the sex of children born in plurality cases in the respective months.

Table II, also in two parts, relates to Marriages. The first part (p. 37) exhibits a view of the number of marriages which in each month were solemnized in each county of the Commonwealth. The second part (pp. 38—40), in a very ingenious form of entry adopted from the Belgian abstract of M. Quetelet, presents at one view the facts important to be observed in Statistical Tables in relation to the age and condition of parties to the marriage tie. For the same reason as that given above in respect to Births, it was thought inexpedient, at the cost of so much space and labor as would have been required, to specify these particulars under the heads of the respective *towns*. Table II corresponds to the table in three parts, which occupies pp. 23—41 of last year's Report. The subject of age at the time of marriage, presented in the third part of the table relating to

Marriages in that Report (p. 41), will be found more fully treated in the Appendix to the present Report, (p. 75 *et seq.*)

Tables III, IV, and V, exhibit an abstract of the facts obtained from the town Returns of Deaths.

Table III, in four parts, relates to the Causes of Death. In the first part (pp. 41—48), against the names of the respective diseases alphabetically arranged, is recorded the number of persons who died of the same during the year, with a specification of the sex, proximate age, month of decease, and place of birth, so far as to distinguish between natives of the American town where they died, other Americans, and foreigners. The second part (pp. 49—54), against the names of the diseases, scientifically arranged, presents the number of deaths therefrom in the several counties. These two parts cover the same ground as Tables III and VI, and the first three parts of Table IV, of last year's Report (pp. 42—77, 98—110). The specification of deaths in the several towns, and of the sex of persons deceased in each several month, has been omitted this year in the tables relating to Deaths for the same reason as that given above in respect to Births and Marriages. The subject of the average age at death, presented in Table IV, part 3, of last year's Report (p. 77), will be found much more fully treated in the Appendix to the present Report, (p. 88 *et seq.*). And the same is true of the proportion of deaths at different periods of life, and in different counties, exhibited in the fourth and fifth parts of Table IV, of last year's Report (pp. 78, 79). On the other hand, the particulars relating to the native place of deceased persons, (p. 41 *et seq.*) are now for the first time introduced.

The third part of Table III (pp. 55—58) presents a synopsis of the number of deaths from each disease, or other cause, which took place according to the Returns, in 1845 and the three preceding years respectively. The proportion of the number of each class in each year to the number 10,000 is carried out in four other columns, affording the means of a perfect comparison of the proportional mortality from different causes, so far as the Returns furnish the requisite materials. The fourth part of the same table (p. 59), under the heads of the respective counties, exhibits the returns of still-born children, with a specification of the sex.

Table IV (pp. 60—63), designed to illustrate the influence of

occupation on longevity, exhibits the number and average age at the time of death, of persons engaged respectively in the different employments of life, as shown by the Returns of 1845 and the three preceding years. This table corresponds to Table V, of last year's Report. The comparison of the Returns of four years for this purpose is an important extension of the plan pursued last year. On the other hand, the distinction then made of deaths from the various causes, as reported from the respective *counties*, was thought not to be sufficiently useful to be repeated at present.

Table V (p. 64), designed to furnish some illustration of the influence of domestic condition on longevity, exhibits against each county, an abstract of the Returns of the number, sex, and age of persons deceased in the last Registration year, under the divisions of single, married, and widowed.

For various interesting views of the importance of the Registration system, together with some general inferences from the recent Returns, and comparisons of the facts hitherto collected in Massachusetts with similar *data* obtained from the documents of other countries, I refer to the letter, in the Appendix to this Report, from Mr. Lemuel Shattuck, of whose intelligent and experienced aid I have availed myself in the preparation of the tables.

Which is respectfully submitted by

JOHN G. PALFREY, *Secretary*.

REGISTRATION
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IN
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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS,

*Returned to the Secretary's Office, for the four years, ending April 30th,
1842, 1843, 1844, and 1845.*

COUNTIES AND TOWNS.	Popula- tion in 1840.	BIRTHS.				MARRIAGES.				DEATHS.			
		1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.
SUFFOLK CO.													
Boston, . . .	93,383	19	4	.	.	738	776	.	.	1919	2230	.	.
Chelsea, . . .	2,390	82	87	111	147	30	8	29	22	87	113	88	94
Totals, . . .	95,773	101	91	111	147	768	784	29	22	2006	2343	88	94
ESSEX CO.													
Amesbury, . . .	2,471	11	22	48	50	8	23	11	11	11	43	18	35
Andover, . . .	5,207	35	21	148	118	21	37	19	30	50	64	65	85
Beverly, . . .	4,689	40	51	.	.	45	39	.	.	72	97	.	.
Boxford, . . .	942	10	5	35	18	10	12	11	7	8	6	7	12
Bradford, . . .	2,222	49	26	45	55	10	7	8	14	43	26	34	24
Danvers, . . .	5,020	45	13	159	194	38	33	51	50	29	15	86	89
Essex, . . .	1,450	.	29	28	19	.	7	8	11	.	20	15	17
Georgetown, . . .	1,540	39	36	46	56	15	25	15	14	21	10	18	15
Gloucester, . . .	6,350	105	211	167	229	52	52	72	52	82	83	106	121
Hamilton, . . .	818	22	13	16	16	9	8	4	9	16	16	18	18
Haverhill, . . .	4,336	.	3	.	106	.	38	37	38	.	2	78	74
Ipswich, . . .	3,000	.	4	52	.	23	16	19	27	40	45	64	42
Lynn, . . .	9,367	40	41	.	296	58	29	.	90	74	116	.	200
Lynnfield, . . .	707	13	23	20	15	6	6	1	3	6	11	7	11
Manchester, . . .	1,355	54	54	45	54	20	10	7	20	45	26	29	40
Marblehead, . . .	5,575	194	169	194	164	43	39	43	66	113	104	115	118
Methuen, . . .	2,251	65	65	69	46	28	24	23	16	29	28	28	49
Middleton, . . .	657	21	13	18	17	6	3	3	5	13	14	11	9
Newbury, . . .	3,789	.	49	33	8	.	17	9	20	.	42	55	31
Newburyport, . . .	7,161	296	167	189	227	61	63	62	67	114	139	114	115
Rockport, . . .	2,650	74	87	72	78	19	23	23	27	52	56	54	31
Rowley, . . .	1,203	16	11	32	19	4	11	6	7	16	15	20	18
Salem, . . .	15,082	.	486	3	225	145	147	94	122	287	285	260	244
Salisbury, . . .	2,739	30	43	54	56	20	34	23	21	37	57	28	39
Saugus, . . .	1,098	30	30	28	32	18	13	5	8	22	35	21	15
Topsfield, . . .	1,059	3	5	16	34	5	4	9	9	15	35	21	23
Wenham, . . .	689	25	22	19	14	9	7	9	6	9	9	6	10
West Newbury, . . .	1,560	25	25	45	29	10	15	11	8	16	22	14	19
Totals, . . .	94,987	1242	1724	1581	2175	683	742	583	758	1220	1421	1292	1504

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		1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.
MIDDLESEX CO.													
Acton,	1,121	.	.	13	7	5	11	8	14	16	10	22	22
Ashby,	1,246	36	20	24	.	17	14	3	8	23	23	23	26
Bedford,	929	.	7	27	27	.	7	6	11	.	21	20	17
Billerica,	1,632	1	4	44	54	15	8	10	18	31	25	21	17
Boxborough,	426	10	10	13	9	7	9	3	3	4	5	5	5
Brighton,	1,425	9	5	56	60	7	7	5	8	14	18	17	24
Burlington,	510	10	.	8	16	1	4	3	3	7	12	9	4
Cambridge,	8,409	8	19	364	354	39	53	80	74	91	154	139	110
Carlisle,	556	1	7	10	11	2	1	6	4	9	5	8	9
Charlestown and } Somerville, . . . }	11,484	6	20	321	387	104	107	97	142	161	200	192	228
Chelmsford,	1,697	17	18	56	50	20	9	11	13	28	3	2	13
Concord,	1,784	6	6	39	44	13	6	9	17	44	26	25	27
Dracut,	2,188	1	5	74	71	14	8	12	15	3	12	2	.
Dunstable,	603	.	5	7	11	.	6	1	3	.	6	9	10
Framingham,	3,030	.	12	91	78	.	20	24	32	.	16	50	14
Groton,	2,139	45	59	57	59	17	19	13	15	42	36	44	50
Holliston,	1,782	78	63	56	41	15	13	13	14	45	40	24	38
Hopkinton,	2,245	52	.	63	65	32	.	12	28	55	.	11	41
Lexington,	1,642	18	1	36	30	19	11	4	12	19	.	2	16
Lincoln,	686	15	8	4	5	2	1	6	5	13	8	.	4
Littleton,	927	9	12	4	.	13	7	6	.	11	10	9	.
Lowell,	20,796	20	7	598	664	366	363	307	397	421	439	348	309
Malden,	2,514	8	39	85	86	22	4	21	14	19	18	37	47
Marlborough,	2,101	65	64	52	53	27	20	20	28	28	25	30	25
Medford,	2,478	100	106	57	78	14	25	34	33	29	27	44	36
Natick,	1,285	6	31	45	51	8	10	15	15	16	25	20	31
Newton,	3,351	4	2	2	4	17	23	8	20	22	32	30	26
Pepperell,	1,571	29	21	29	38	14	16	15	12	18	18	21	20
Reading,	2,193	1	59	69	60	19	21	15	16	.	36	47	34
Sherburne,	995	22	27	19	17	2	10	10	8	17	22	14	9
Shirley,	957	16	18	29	38	9	10	7	8	4	13	17	18
South Reading,	1,517	30	60	30	41	25	13	11	27	23	23	44	22
Stoneham,	1,017	33	6	26	34	12	7	15	8	13	11	6	21
Stow,	1,230	.	2	48	2	.	12	5	10	.	1	13	8
Sudbury,	1,422	26	15	38	37	14	14	12	13	36	20	14	15
Tewksbury,	906	.	4	7	.	4	7	2	.	9	10	5	.
Townsend,	1,892	.	.	39	53	16	11	7	8	23	22	25	25
Tyngsborough,	870	29	24	16	19	9	6	7	4	14	15	6	9
Waltham,	2,504	72	31	75	61	30	26	27	24	59	39	43	35
Watertown,	1,810	62	.	50	60	20	.	21	6	29	.	31	25
Wayland,	998	34	28	24	27	6	13	2	5	16	16	19	10
West Cambridge,	1,363	35	37	.	46	11	19	.	.	26	33	.	.
Westford,	1,436	27	17	18	12	7	9	4	8	21	29	17	14
Weston,	1,092	13	26	28	18	8	9	7	8	15	21	18	14
Wilmington,	859	33	15	15	23	10	12	6	12	17	13	12	17
Woburn,	2,993	5	3	46	94	25	39	33	42	58	42	50	53
Totals,	106,611	992	930	2814	3050	1037	1022	949	1168	1549	1598	1553	1506

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		1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.
WORCESTER CO.													
Ashburnham, . . .	1,652	54	44	58	32	18	18	18	10	31	33	34	38
Athol, . . .	1,591	50	49	46	51	18	12	15	8	35	27	19	33
Auburn, . . .	649	10	3	13	23	4	6	4	6	9	8	7	5
Barre, . . .	2,751	73	75	.	68	21	21	19	12	40	41	43	35
Berlin, . . .	763	8	13	24	24	1	6	1	5	12	17	16	9
Blackstone, . . .	.	.	.	.	63	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
Bolton, . . .	1,186	27	42	23	30	4	11	5	6	18	21	26	19
Boylston, . . .	797	8	9	19	15	7	9	11	7	14	15	9	9
Brookfield, . . .	2,472	.	.	55	62	19	.	8	9	52	.	.	27
Charlton, . . .	2,117	7	25	6	9	20	20	16	11	15	39	43	30
Dana, . . .	691	.	24	18	24	4	19	4	6	10	14	.	11
Douglas, . . .	1,617	20	22	49	.	20	17	3	.	18	16	14	.
Dudley, . . .	1,352	.	23	22	41	.	5	6	10	.	12	22	19
Fitchburg, . . .	2,604	7	88	76	91	23	30	25	37	1	37	3	56
Gardner, . . .	1,260	54	31	36	44	14	12	14	11	23	30	20	18
Grafton, . . .	2,943	18	35	79	111	56	47	36	28	36	24	55	54
Hardwick, . . .	1,789	.	50	50	33	14	19	6	18	23	25	19	30
Harvard, . . .	1,571	30	20	27	33	13	13	8	13	22	21	25	21
Holden, . . .	1,874	61	46	59	70	15	17	16	25	27	25	42	36
Hubbardston, . . .	1,784	53	52	58	33	13	27	14	17	20	24	41	28
Lancaster, . . .	2,019	6	26	21	7	19	12	16	17	24	39	42	17
Leicester, . . .	1,707	55	28	48	47	7	18	8	14	31	26	33	24
Leominster, . . .	2,069	3	45	69	64	20	14	17	11	38	40	49	28
Lunenburg, . . .	1,272	1	9	24	1	12	7	5	4	22	19	13	18
Mendon, . . .	3,524	47	4	129	33	31	10	19	17	30	38	21	48
Milford, . . .	1,773	55	72	84	61	15	26	19	43	17	37	42	43
Millbury, . . .	2,171	61	58	62	69	16	14	20	24	23	13	35	34
New Braintree, . . .	752	21	6	17	10	7	5	3	6	12	6	10	9
North Brookfield, . . .	1,485	40	2	55	44	15	13	13	14	29	23	29	14
Northborough, . . .	1,248	18	9	26	29	9	7	15	19	18	21	22	22
Northbridge, . . .	1,449	20	20	35	46	16	8	13	13	13	17	23	46
Oakham, . . .	1,038	22	34	19	31	9	6	9	13	28	15	7	12
Oxford, . . .	1,742	19	19	39	53	14	17	12	16	22	31	32	31
Paxton, . . .	670	15	5	20	24	6	9	10	5	12	.	13	15
Petersham, . . .	1,775	29	2	4	34	20	20	11	10	19	26	18	10
Phillipston, . . .	919	2	13	23	16	5	5	8	6	14	17	8	10
Princeton, . . .	1,347	40	4	37	44	12	5	11	11	21	17	21	35
Royalston, . . .	1,667	45	6	31	44	12	12	9	13	22	17	23	19
Rutland, . . .	1,260	25	27	25	30	8	11	10	7	21	15	21	18
Shrewsbury, . . .	1,481	6	29	42	24	13	9	9	7	21	12	35	26
Southborough, . . .	1,145	27	23	22	32	10	1	8	14	19	13	21	22
Southbridge, . . .	2,031	5	58	10	29	14	18	15	20	26	25	41	22
Spencer, . . .	1,604	.	36	28	54	.	22	12	18	.	28	35	22
Sterling, . . .	1,647	10	9	50	38	14	17	9	18	5	31	32	6
Sturbridge, . . .	2,005	8	4	50	36	12	13	14	6	42	33	37	34
Sutton, . . .	2,370	10	7	48	52	14	19	23	22	15	20	17	45
Templeton, . . .	1,776	2	13	39	37	5	19	6	14	16	23	17	28
Upton, . . .	1,466	47	56	42	.	16	19	11	.	22	25	22	26
Uxbridge, . . .	2,004	31	51	57	58	19	10	14	21	37	31	35	42
Warren, . . .	1,290	37	25	41	35	13	5	7	8	10	18	33	23

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		1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.
Webster,	1,403	9	31	50	57	12	8	11	6	3	15	33	18
West Boylston,	1,187	25	33	37	33	13	8	11	16	23	18	16	29
Westborough,	1,658	.	30	41	.	16	22	10	14	27	32	15	.
Westminster,	1,645	5	13	5	52	13	14	6	13	13	30	20	23
Winchendon,	1,754	40	41	.	35	20	19	6	14	28	25	.	.
Worcester,	7,497	9	44	263	.	159	84	86	79	158	144	160	230
Totals,	95,313	1275	1543	2311	2116	900	835	715	793	1287	1369	1469	1527
HAMPSHIRE CO.													
Amherst,	2,550	77	78	74	76	21	18	17	19	49	65	57	54
Belchertown,	2,554	.	40	.	23	28	45	24	16	.	36	37	26
Chesterfield,	1,132	.	6	7	.	2	4	4	5	17	12	16	15
Cummington,	1,237	18	11	16	24	10	2	12	17	16	15	20	10
Easthampton,	717	17	13	17	18	2	7	5	2	8	16	19	13
Enfield,	976	35	29	13	17	8	6	7	7	7	15	12	13
Goshen,	556	12	13	14	11	5	4	1	4	10	13	12	10
Granby,	971	7	11	16	16	3	3	6	9	20	26	10	16
Greenwich,	824	11	20	18	15	7	9	5	3	11	10	13	16
Hadley,	1,814	51	.	42	35	25	.	8	14	30	.	45	26
Hatfield,	933	30	21	26	28	8	16	4	3	9	11	19	14
Middlefield,	1,717	89	15	20	35	4	6	10	2	11	10	16	13
Northampton,	3,750	125	87	130	137	42	16	12	18	59	94	59	54
Norwich,	750	.	18	26	14	.	8	9	2	.	10	18	27
Pelham,	956	17	8	7	14	10	13	6	5	6	7	10	.
Plainfield,	910	.	23	.	2	9	14	.	6	21	14	.	13
Prescott,	780	15	10	.	.	8	8	.	.	12	7	.	.
South Hadley,	1,458	24	40	49	44	14	15	11	7	23	31	22	19
Southampton,	1,157	23	23	33	25	8	11	9	11	15	18	28	13
Ware,	1,890	.	1	53	38	.	19	15	33	.	42	43	35
Westhampton,	759	11	11	17	16	4	3	4	2	13	14	13	9
Williamsburg,	1,309	25	23	33	29	14	19	6	6	15	22	16	19
Worthington,	1,197	32	34	31	36	7	10	5	8	25	30	23	15
Totals,	30,897	619	535	642	653	239	256	180	199	377	518	508	430
HAMPDEN CO.													
Blandford,	1,427	35	42	29	20	22	17	7	2	25	26	23	17
Brimfield,	1,419	.	2	.	16	11	6	8	5	16	30	26	18
Chester,	1,632	10	25	28	34	10	19	6	.	15	14	27	7
Granville,	1,414	.	.	5	22	.	7	7	3	.	26	18	5
Holland,	423	4	1	.	.	2	2	6	5	6	.	.	3
Longmeadow,	1,270	31	7	34	21	7	3	7	10	14	25	19	25
Ludlow,	1,268	28	24	36	36	10	9	8	13	23	21	19	33
Monson,	2,151	50	28	30	59	32	34	11	4	25	52	30	41
Montgomery,	740	14	8	12	14	5	8	1	4	9	8	4	10
Palmer,	2,139	40	.	53	54	15	.	9	14	.	.	.	.
Russell,	955	9	4	10	.	5	2	1	.	6	6	2	.
Southwick,	1,214	.	32	.	34	.	11	.	7	.	21	.	13
Springfield,	10,985	.	.	372	405	173	128	73	67	48	.	132	191
Tolland,	627	.	7	.	19	.	4	7	2	.	15	12	12

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		1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.
Wales,	686	25	18	18	15	17	4	6	3	19	20	9	7
West Springfield,	3,626	.	1	42	60	18	16	29	24	11	29	17	36
Westfield,	3,526	.	66	91	99	24	23	27	15	56	53	56	57
Wilbraham,	1,864	6	3	.	29	7	6	.	15	22	11	.	34
Totals,	37,366	252	268	760	937	358	299	213	193	295	357	394	509
FRANKLIN CO.													
Ashfield,	1,610	2	4	2	37	21	19	.	3	6	20	25	33
Barnardston,	992	17	22	24	20	14	4	5	10	15	8	17	7
Buckland,	1,084	2	.	20	19	6	8	8	7	18	.	6	9
Charlemont,	1,127	25	24	31	35	12	6	6	3	16	20	18	10
Coleraine,	1,971	.	78	35	35	.	6	4	12	.	20	26	30
Conway,	1,409	21	8	46	.	14	9	9	.	9	17	27	.
Deerfield,	1,912	.	.	.	51	12	8	.	15	36	44	.	21
Erving,	309	3	1	10	10	2	.	.	3	4	8	.	5
Gill,	798	27	17	22	14	5	6	5	4	7	20	10	9
Greenfield,	1,756	58	.	32	3	12	.	6	2	40	.	34	.
Hawley,	977	22	10	18	13	2	3	6	3	14	10	17	8
Heath,	895	.	20	14	29	.	4	.	none	.	10	4	22
Leverett,	875	23	10	17	29	8	10	8	8	13	17	22	13
Leyden,	632	22	20	29	9	2	12	4	3	13	5	11	10
Monroe,	282	8	10	7	11	.	.	.	none	1	6	1	3
Montague,	1,255	2	.	32	.	7	2	3	2	21	18	.	12
New Salem,	1,305	35	9	20	35	11	11	4	6	24	12	9	31
Northfield,	1,673	.	21	30	.	1	4	5	.	3	11	.	.
Orange,	1,501	40	7	29	32	9	6	5	15	30	14	18	22
Rowe,	703	15	19	30	13	4	7	8	3	6	14	15	11
Shelburne,	1,022	24	16	22	33	6	4	6	10	11	25	24	10
Shutesbury,	987	22	3	21	24	8	10	4	13	16	4	7	11
Sunderland,	719	12	8	23	10	5	9	6	1	9	10	6	5
Warwick,	1,071	29	12	18	35	8	11	4	8	16	29	21	23
Wendell,	875	21	20	19	4	3	13	3	5	12	15	12	11
Whately,	1,072	24	15	25	27	6	7	7	10	9	9	20	15
Totals,	28,812	454	354	576	528	177	176	115	151	353	358	360	331
BERKSHIRE CO.													
Adams,	3,703	.	.	.	102	.	.	.	15	.	.	.	78
Alford,	481	9	9	13	10	3	2	3	4	5	11	7	2
Becket,	1,342	12	12	18	29	8	8	7	7	9	13	24	31
Boston Corner,	65	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Cheshire,	985	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Clarksburg,	370	10	9	9	8	3	2	.	.	3	4	.	.
Dalton,	1,255	31	37	40	42	8	6	3	.	18	14	11	14
Egremont,	1,038	.	16	19	28	3	4	3	2	.	11	11	5
Florida,	441	15	2	19	5	8	.	.	2	4	2	3	3
Great Barrington,	2,704	68	.	.	.	11	3	10	3	30	15	38	.
Hancock,	922	.	7	21	19	.	.	1	.	.	13	4	12
Hinsdale,	955	25	27	41	21	1	4	3	6	19	16	17	16
Lanesborough,	1,140	28	.	31	18	5	8	.	2	17	11	12	11

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		1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.
Lee,	2,428	62	57	29	34	15	15	20	8	51	38	28	40
Lenox,	1,313	.	6	35	39	6	4	8	7	1	13	21	29
Mount Washington,	438	21	12	13	.	.	1	.	.	7	5	2	.
New Ashford,	227	7	2	5	2	1	2	1	1	7	3	1	.
New Marlborough,	1,682	45	4	41	28	12	.	14	9	28	15	25	11
Otis,	1,177	36	.	12	28	10	7	10	2	30	23	6	8
Peru,	576	13	12	17	12	6	2	1	5	13	12	11	3
Pittsfield,	3,747	56	51	87	101	4	4	1	3	74	51	56	61
Richmond,	1,097	6	12	11	11	6	4	4	3	29	10	14	10
Sandisfield,	1,464	20	1	21	.	7	5	13	11	26	.	21	32
Savoy,	915	1	1	13	6	6	4	3	4	2	1	3	1
Sheffield,	2,322	.	.	49	78	.	10	7	7	.	48	28	35
Stockbridge,	1,992	30	.	41	33	8	.	2	9	22	.	35	25
Tyringham,	1,477	6	8	5	.	6	14	9	.	4	6	25	.
Washington	991	18	24	22	29	2	3	2	1	19	11	12	14
West Stockbridge,	1,448	.	2	54	49	.	9	8	4	.	10	20	16
Williamstown,	2,153	29	33	57	78	18	10	2	11	32	31	.	22
Windsor,	897	.	.	.	12	.	.	.	6	.	.	.	9
Totals,	41,745	548	344	723	822	157	121	135	132	450	387	435	488
NORFOLK CO.													
Bellingham,	1,055	16	19	30	12	5	11	7	2	10	24	11	8
Braintree,	2,168	55	27	59	69	24	24	14	6	38	23	10	27
Brookline,	1,365	5	6	13	21	8	5	8	8	14	8	15	25
Carleton,	1,995	.	7	65	27	.	11	17	7	.	19	35	32
Cohasset,	1,471	23	31	24	33	19	8	16	10	19	28	28	18
Dedham,	3,290	98	96	90	96	30	31	31	33	60	63	50	70
Dorchester,	4,875	34	13	28	91	44	46	21	47	86	80	78	79
Dover,	520	3	3	8	6	1	3	1	3	9	15	11	8
Foxborough,	1,298	20	43	24	51	10	7	11	17	17	37	18	18
Franklin,	1,717	35	30	23	33	15	9	10	5	24	21	28	29
Medfield,	883	20	9	9	18	6	6	6	4	14	16	18	7
Medway,	2,043	7	6	66	65	33	23	25	29	2	24	14	26
Milton,	1,822	.	7	49	58	.	12	11	16	.	50	38	25
Needham,	1,488	36	8	45	33	14	7	9	4	23	28	26	17
Quincy,	3,486	125	4	147	123	32	20	23	21	48	46	56	53
Randolph,	3,213	.	107	92	138	.	23	32	28	.	64	71	55
Roxbury,	9,089	8	7	304	411	37	49	26	78	42	44	.	.
Sharon,	1,076	4	1	26	22	7	8	9	12	17	26	15	14
Stoughton,	2,142	36	.	68	86	39	26	35	23	32	8	4	36
Walpole,	1,491	.	1	.	.	.	16	.	.	.	25	.	.
Weymouth,	3,738	120	7	145	139	31	39	32	35	55	17	21	62
Wrentham,	2,915	.	13	77	59	17	23	16	16	.	16	8	48
Totals,	53,140	645	445	1392	1591	370	407	360	404	510	682	555	657
BRISTOL CO.													
Attleborough,	3,585	82	3	78	81	30	26	33	25	45	1	60	66
Berkley,	886	20	20	20	12	10	10	4	2	16	13	17	26
Dartmouth,	4,135	.	2	122	92	23	24	33	27	.	1	.	.

ABSTRACT OF BIRTHS, &c. FOR FOUR YEARS.

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ABSTRACT OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.—Continued.

COUNTIES AND TOWNS.	Popula- tion in 1840.	BIRTHS.				MARRIAGES.				DEATHS.			
		1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.
Dighton,	1,378	2	.	36	47	15	7	19	7	16	22	15	32
Easton,	2,074	70	4	42	53	24	12	8	19	27	1	52	39
Fairhaven,	3,951	162	170	74	107	39	47	10	34	33	35	33	45
Fall River,	6,738	375	307	310	379	84	120	81	73	69	135	76	55
Freetown,	1,772	.	.	47	43	.	.	5	10	.	.	22	31
Mansfield,	1,382	49	3	34	43	19	11	10	12	19	23	.	17
New Bedford,	12,087	.	5	443	435	.	90	131	114	.	.	1	175
Norton,	1,545	6	11	36	29	16	9	3	8	6	5	8	6
Pawtucket,	2,184	142	.	104	89	10	14	14	13	34	.	6	.
Raynham,	1,329	1	3	43	40	4	4	12	4	21	26	24	19
Rehoboth,	2,169	45	46	55	55	34	35	16	.	32	31	20	25
Seekonk,	1,996	25	.	47	9	23	13	24	9	35	1	35	39
Somerset,	1,005	.	1	24	14	.	4	4	6	.	2	34	24
Swansey,	1,484	.	.	36	32	8	17	9	11	.	.	.	15
Taunton,	7,645	5	1	192	219	43	54	57	43	52	64	73	73
Westport,	2,820	.	.	82	73	33	.	10	2	26	.	39	32
Totals,	60,165	984	576	1825	1852	415	497	483	419	431	360	515	719
PLYMOUTH CO.													
Abington,	3,214	89	120	113	.	28	37	27	39	56	64	75	.
Bridgewater,	2,131	.	65	44	71	.	15	4	12	.	37	45	40
Carver,	995	30	10	35	30	2	7	2	14	9	15	5	1
Duxbury,	2,798	93	52	33	.	32	35	19	10	26	33	19	19
East Bridgewater,	1,950	20	54	30	58	12	11	9	11	21	23	24	19
Halifax,	734	21	22	30	36	7	5	7	2	13	14	17	21
Hanover,	1,488	20	47	41	18	17	13	16	14	15	10	20	16
Hanson,	1,040	17	.	.	.	11	.	.	.	2	.	.	.
Hingham,	3,564	117	102	94	86	24	29	35	22	57	55	57	61
Hull,	231	5	5	3	6	.	1	3	2	6	1	2	7
Kingston,	1,440	15	30	35	32	12	10	15	16	23	35	26	25
Marshfield,	1,761	40	45	47	41	10	30	16	16	36	55	34	23
Middleborough,	5,085	17	25	.	.	30	32	.	.	22	13	.	.
N. Bridgewater,	2,616	76	85	96	70	20	20	22	35	52	52	50	32
Pembroke,	1,258	6	31	17	33	8	7	11	2	9	30	16	19
Plymouth,	5,281	.	34	151	122	.	20	30	41	.	57	81	110
Plympton,	834	22	20	24	19	9	5	8	10	10	18	22	10
Rochester,	3,864	.	65	.	.	19	35	.	.	.	34	.	.
Scituate,	3,886	46	35	88	84	28	19	28	22	63	60	52	43
Wareham,	2,002	40	46	65	66	15	13	9	11	21	25	32	22
West Bridgewater,	1,201	32	30	31	39	13	12	8	9	12	12	29	16
Totals,	47,373	706	923	977	811	297	356	269	288	453	643	606	484
BARNSTABLE CO.													
Barnstable,	4,301	.	18	8	10	.	25	21	38	.	26	15	38
Brewster,	1,522	.	22	31	44	.	11	8	7	.	26	13	22
Chatham,	2,334	60	5	75	35	28	22	18	15	44	70	50	35
Dennis,	2,942	40	48	62	.	13	19	23	.	39	21	33	.
Eastham,	955	27	14	17	13	8	7	3	12	22	21	10	14
Falmouth,	2,589	60	.	72	66	24	19	.	20	29	36	33	37

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COUNTIES AND TOWNS.	Popula- tion in 1840.	BIRTHS.				MARRIAGES.				DEATHS.			
		1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.
Harwich, . . .	2,930	200	47	87	105	28	42	19	23	21	11	16	34
Marshpee, . . .	309	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Orleans, . . .	1,974	33	45	34	45	12	19	23	8	18	26	44	27
Provincetown, . . .	2,122	42	85	76	61	25	24	25	22	18	59	41	41
Sandwich, . . .	3,719	63	89	112	118	20	14	23	24	18	18	32	58
Truro, . . .	1,920	71	.	36	55	16	.	12	20	80	.	32	30
Wellfleet, . . .	2,377	45	20	59	44	13	10	13	12	35	32	23	24
Yarmouth, . . .	2,554	48	61	75	79	29	11	13	21	47	51	66	48
Totals,	32,548	689	454	744	675	216	223	201	222	371	397	408	408
DUKES CO.													
Chilmark, . . .	702	13	12	10	12	3	7	5	3	10	8	9	4
Edgartown, . . .	1,736	.	34	30	55	13	12	8	10	26	26	13	26
Tisbury, . . .	1,520	51	55	53	60	7	11	21	11	22	22	26	23
Totals,	3,958	64	101	93	127	23	30	34	24	58	56	48	53
NANTUCKET CO.													
Nantucket, . . .	9,012	.	462	208	227	102	59	38	90	184	195	107	134

RECAPITULATION.

COUNTIES.	Popula- tion in 1840.	BIRTHS.				MARRIAGES.				DEATHS.			
		1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.
Suffolk, . .	95,773	101	91	111	147	768	784	29	22	2006	2,343	88	94
Essex, . .	94,987	1242	1724	15,81	2,175	683	742	583	758	1220	1,421	1292	1504
Middlesex, .	106,611	992	930	2,814	3,050	1037	1022	949	1168	1549	1,598	1553	1506
Worcester, .	95,313	1275	1543	2,311	2,116	900	835	715	793	1287	1,369	1469	1527
Hampshire, .	30,897	619	535	642	653	239	256	180	199	377	518	508	430
Hampden, .	37,366	252	268	760	937	358	299	213	193	295	357	394	509
Franklin, .	28,812	454	354	576	528	177	176	115	151	353	358	360	331
Berkshire, .	41,745	548	344	723	822	157	121	135	132	450	387	435	488
Norfolk, . .	53,140	645	445	1,392	1,591	370	407	360	404	510	682	555	657
Bristol, . .	60,165	984	576	1,825	1,852	415	497	483	419	431	360	515	719
Plymouth, .	47,373	706	923	977	811	297	356	269	288	453	643	606	484
Barnstable, .	32,548	689	454	744	675	216	223	201	222	371	397	408	408
Dukes, . .	3,958	64	101	93	127	23	30	34	24	58	56	48	53
Nantucket, .	9,012	.	462	208	227	102	59	38	90	184	195	107	134
Totals, . .	737,700	8571	8750	14,757	15,711	5742	5807	4304	4863	9544	10684	8338	8844
Totals, after de- ducting Suffolk County, . .	641,927	8470	8659	14,646	15,564	4974	5023	4275	4841	7538	8,341	8250	8750

NOTES.

A part of the returns were accompanied with remarks by the town clerks. From these, the following notes have been compiled. The letters from the same source, contained in former reports, are also referred to. The design of these notes is to show the condition of registration through the State, the practical operation of existing laws on the subject, and the views of the town clerks in regard to such amendments as may be needed to render the system more perfect.

SUFFOLK COUNTY.

BOSTON.—1842. The return of deaths was for the year ending Dec. 31, 1842.—1843. See Second Annual Report, p. 12.—No return of births, marriages or deaths for 1844 or 1845.

CHELSEA.—1845. "The return is a correct copy of the records of the town of Chelsea, as to the number of deaths in the town, as returned to me by the several sextons. I believe there have been some deaths, of which I have no return, as the burial took place without the knowledge of any sexton of the town."

ESSEX COUNTY.

AMESBURY.—1845. *Births.* "The return is probably correct as regards the number of births, the sex, date of birth, and residence of parents. Three children not returned. Mother's name not known in one instance. Occupation not known in 8 instances.—*Marriages.* The number of certificates given in the same time, 34."

ANDOVER.—1842. "One clergyman has made no return of marriages in 6 years; not 20 births are returned annually, nor 5 deaths."—In 1844, about 50 publishments.

BEVERLY.—1843. The number of births, probably 125.

ESSEX.—1843. See Second Annual Report, p. 12.

GLOUCESTER.—1842. Imperfect in every respect, except marriages.—1845. *Marriages.* "The returns of the clergymen have not been given as the law requires; the changes continually making in our population, render it impossible

to answer all the inquiries to be made; there being many foreigners marrying among us who cannot answer the questions with any degree of satisfaction as to their progenitors.—*Deaths*. There may be 8 or 10 deaths not entered on the above list. An out parish, 5 or 6 miles in extent, and whose inhabitants are much scattered, where deaths must have occurred, has made no return.”

IPSWICH.—1842. Only 22 births recorded since 1806.—1845. “The returns are not so perfect as may be desired, but are the best I could make from the means in my possession. The School Committee have not furnished me with a return of births, therefore it is not in my power to make one to you.”

LYNN.—1843. The return does not state the number of deaths, but there are 116 specified by name. The clerk complains that the law is disregarded.

NEWBURY.—1845. *Births*. “The School Committee have made no return of births, and I did not feel disposed to take any action on the subject. In addition to the above, which I collected in my immediate neighborhood, one physician informs me, that he attended the birth of 42 children in this town, during the year ending May 1, 1845.”

ROCKPORT. The returns from this town have been made with great accuracy for the different years, by Mr. Pool, the town clerk. He says, in 1845, as to *Births*. “The facts contained in the above returns were all gleaned with great pains and care by personal inquiry.—*Deaths*. The above return is believed to be correct; although the number of deaths stated is at least one third less than the preceding year. I have not wholly relied on the returns of the sextons, (which, by the way, are approximating towards correctness,) but have ascertained and confirmed the facts by personal inquiry.”

WEST NEWBURY.—1845. *Births*. “I have delayed sending till the last moment, hoping to have a more complete return, but am obliged, at this late day, to close, while two school districts remain unreported. I have done the best in my power to have them as they should be, yet they are all very imperfect.—*Marriages*. This is the best I can do from the returns.”

NO RETURNS, in 1842, from *Essex, Haverhill, and Newbury*; in 1844, from *Beverly, Haverhill, and Lynn*; and in 1845, from *Beverly*, and of births from *Ipswich*.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

ACTON.—1842. *Births*, not recorded.—1844. Complete except the “number” and “occupation of the father” and “residence of the parents” in one instance only.

ASHBY.—1845. *Births*. The School Committee has made no return of births.

BILLERICA.—1842. *Births*. One birth only recorded; law neglected; some record whole families at once.—1843. Complains of want of returns.—1844. Very good return, collected by the School Committee.

BURLINGTON.—1842. *Births*. Few births recorded, and some not publicly known.—1843. The clerk thinks the law should oblige some one to complain of delinquents.

CAMBRIDGE.—1843. See 2d Report, p. 13.—1844. One foundling. Return contains 407, of whom 43 were born out of town, and are here rejected. Town

clerk supposes the number to have been 500, or 1 in 17 inhabitants. It is 1 in 23 of the census of 1840. The returns the two last years appear to be accurate.

CHARLESTOWN.—1845. "Every thing on my part has been done to obtain full and correct returns, from the proper sources, of the births, marriages, and deaths in this town, required by the registration act to be done; still the returns are unavoidably very defective. The whole number of marriages returned is short of the truth; for the clergyman of the Episcopal Church in this town has made no return of any marriage whatever, since officiating as such, I think over two years. There appears a reluctance, on the part of some of our clergymen, to comply with the registration law."

CHELMSFORD.—1843. See Second Report, p. 14.—1845. *Deaths*. "The third entry properly belongs to the return to be made next year. It got into this by the remissness of the sextons in making their return. I have returned all the numbers."

FRAMINGHAM.—1845. *Marriages*. "The above return is as full and correct as the certificates will admit of."—*Deaths*. "This is all that has been returned to me. It is undoubtedly an imperfect return."

GROTON.—1845. *Births*. "There were probably 8 or 10 more births in town last year, but I have not been able to obtain the particulars. I have waited for the School Committee, but they have made no returns. The births recorded, I have obtained from other sources."—*Marriages*. "The returns made by Rev. Messrs. Phelps and Sanderson, have been complete generally. The other clergymen returned only the date and fact of the marriage; the other particulars I have obtained from other sources, as fully as I was able."

HOLLISTON.—1843. "Great delinquency on the part of parents, &c."—1844. *Births*. "This return is believed to be complete."—1845. "The School Committee did not ascertain the *day of the month* in which the birth took place." *Deaths*. "6 or 7 have died in town, but have been interred elsewhere, and I have no returns. From a sermon, preached here the first Sabbath in January last, the preacher said the whole number of deaths for the year was 42. I think he may have been correct. I think the sextons here have done their duty, and the returns they have made me are correct."

LEXINGTON.—1843. The records show 1 birth, 11 marriages, and no deaths. "Information derived from other sources than the records, show that there have been at least 23 deaths. The number of births to me unknown. I posted notice last year requesting the inhabitants to bring in the number of births, deaths &c., but to no purpose."

LINCOLN.—1845. *Births*. "Our School Committee utterly refuse to do any thing about making any returns. They made none last year; what I here return, I have picked up myself."—*Deaths*. "One sexton, being wholly unacquainted with the duties required of him, has neglected to make such returns as would be desirable. I make you as full returns as I can, with what I have to make them from."

MEDFORD.—1843. See Second Report, p. 15.

NATICK.—1843. See Second Report, p. 16.—1845. "I fear the returns are somewhat imperfect. The compensation allowed for fees is entirely inadequate for procuring the information sought by Legislative requirements. I have solicited the clergymen for a list of marriages, the sextons for an account of

deaths, and the School Committee for births, more frequently and with more earnestness, than good manners would always justify. And when the information comes, it is often contained on a small scrap of paper, sometimes without dates, and always without method or order. Our population is of a fluctuating character, very much made up of emigrants, some of whom choose not to be very particular in disclosing their origin; and when these persons die, or get married, we are left in the dark with regard to names, ages, places of residence, occupation, &c. &c. I have devoted several days exclusively to the arrangement, registration, copying, &c., and still, the whole is in no way to my satisfaction. Were I to make the returns as they have been made to me, perhaps the document might be as valuable as a sheet of wrapping paper."

NEWTON.—1842. Very imperfect.—1843. "The real number of deaths, probably 50, and births still larger."

PEPPERELL.—1844. *Births*. "This return was got up by myself by actual inquiry, as there were no returns made by parents."

READING.—1842. *Deaths*. No return of deaths has been made.

SHERBURNE.—1843. The returns were founded on information collected by the clerk.

SOUTH READING.—1845. "There were 7 births of the 41, which took place among the Irish laborers upon the rail-road, whose parents removed from the town before the end of the year, and, consequently, no further particulars were obtained."

SOMERVILLE. Population included in Charlestown. Supposed 1250. No census has been taken since the town was incorporated.

STONEHAM.—1843. *Births*. The real number of births, probably as many as 33.—Only 1 *death* reported to the town clerk. Last year he collected the facts himself.

TYNGSBOROUGH.—1842. "Returns made from other sources than the record."—1843. "During the last six months, more births have been entered upon the record than had been recorded for forty years before."—1845. "The return of *deaths* is not, nor could not be, complete, unless I had taken the trouble to ride into almost every quarter of the town, and personally made the inquiries necessary to obtain the information. The inhabitants do not, with a very few exceptions, give themselves the least trouble in regard to furnishing the clerk with the necessary information, and the sextons have hitherto totally neglected their duty on this point. I have called their attention to the subject, and trust, next year, the clerk may be enabled to make a full and complete return."

WESTFORD.—1843. "The births were probably more numerous. It is difficult to get returns."

WILMINGTON.—1843. "There have been but few births, deaths, or marriages, recorded for ten years."

WOBURN.—1843. Few births entered.—1844. Twelve births on the return were in January, February, March, and April, 1843, the record beginning January 3, 1843, and ending March 31, 1844.—The following are extracts of letters from the town clerk of Woburn, accompanying the returns for the year 1845:—

Births. "The return of births in the town of Woburn, for the year ending May

1st, 1845, is imperfect in some respects. I have used great exertions to ascertain and make record of all births happening in town, the past year, but I do not think these returns are full. More births, I have every reason to suppose, have happened in this town, than those embraced in this return. The whole number of births returned by the School Committee was 73. Believing their returns were not full, I called upon each physician in town, and they generously gave me their assistance in filling out my records. I received from them twenty births not returned by the committee. I was not able to ascertain from them the names of children, but only the date, and place of birth, names, and occupation of fathers. In some cases, physicians out of town, or midwives, have been in attendance, and the presumption is, that many of them have not been returned to me."

Marriages. "In the return of marriages from Woburn, for the year ending May 1st, 1845, there are 21 omissions, viz: age, 12, names of parents, 9. You will find, in most cases, the names of mothers not mentioned; those who made the returns to me were not particular about ascertaining such facts, which makes my returns imperfect in that respect. I thought it advisable to record the names of fathers that were deceased; all such cases are marked thus + in the returns. When these returns were made to me, there were 130 omissions, beside the names of mothers, and the facts I ascertained, as many as possible, from the parties married. One marriage has occurred in this town, not put down in this return; it was before a justice of the peace, who resides at some distance from the centre of the town, and has not, as yet, been returned to me. I presume 42 marriages are all that have occurred in town this year, although 60 couples have entered their intentions of marriage with me; many included in that number have been married out of town. I have published 38 of those who have been married in town this year. I think many of the difficulties which have arisen in relation to ascertaining the facts required in marriages, will be obviated by the use of the certificate you propose; it appears to me that this ought to be the duty of the town clerks, but no one can afford to do it without pay. The law, I believe, prescribes no pay for returning marriages. I suppose the presumption is, that 50 cents, (the price of a certificate,) will pay for entering, publishing the intention of marriage, ascertaining the facts required by law, recording and returning the same to the Secretary of the Commonwealth. It is a great task for any clerk, and he cannot afford to do it for the money he now receives, if no pay is to be received for these returns; the price of a certificate ought to be one dollar, by law, and then town clerks could afford to take an interest in this matter."

Deaths. "In the return of deaths from the town of Woburn, you will find some omissions." There are "6 omissions of parents names entire, 16 of the names of mothers. These omissions occur mostly in deaths of aged people, where the facts have to be ascertained of the children of the deceased. I find, in such cases, they almost always recollect the names of their grandfathers, but do not know whether they ever had any grandmothers or not. One third of the deaths happening in this town for the past year, are returned to me as having been of consumption. I have put down the names of diseases, &c. as returned to me, unless I was personally acquainted with persons deceased, and then, I have put them down as I knew them. Much praise, I think, is due our sextons of this town, for the zeal they have manifested in carrying out the wishes of the State, and I trust,

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		1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.
MIDDLESEX CO.													
Acton,	1,121	.	.	13	7	5	11	8	14	16	10	22	22
Ashby,	1,246	36	20	24	.	17	14	3	8	23	23	23	26
Bedford,	929	.	7	27	27	.	7	6	11	.	21	20	17
Billerica,	1,632	1	4	44	54	15	8	10	18	31	25	21	17
Boxborough,	426	10	10	13	9	7	9	3	3	4	5	5	5
Brighton,	1,425	9	5	56	60	7	7	5	8	14	18	17	24
Burlington,	510	10	.	8	16	1	4	3	3	7	12	9	4
Cambridge,	8,409	8	19	364	354	39	53	80	74	91	154	139	110
Carlisle,	556	1	7	10	11	2	1	6	4	9	5	8	9
Charlestown and } Somerville, . . . }	11,484	6	20	321	387	104	107	97	142	161	200	192	228
Chelmsford,	1,697	17	18	56	50	20	9	11	13	28	3	2	13
Concord,	1,784	6	6	39	44	13	6	9	17	44	26	25	27
Dracut,	2,188	1	5	74	71	14	8	12	15	3	12	2	.
Dunstable,	603	.	5	7	11	.	6	1	3	.	6	9	10
Frammingham,	3,030	.	12	91	78	.	20	24	32	.	16	50	14
Groton,	2,139	45	59	57	59	17	19	13	15	42	36	44	50
Holliston,	1,782	78	63	56	41	15	13	13	14	45	40	24	38
Hopkinton,	2,245	52	.	63	65	32	.	12	28	55	.	11	41
Lexington,	1,642	18	1	36	30	19	11	4	12	19	.	2	16
Lincoln,	686	15	8	4	5	2	1	6	5	13	8	.	4
Littleton,	927	9	12	4	.	13	7	6	.	11	10	9	.
Lowell,	20,796	20	7	598	664	366	363	307	397	421	439	348	309
Malden,	2,514	8	39	85	86	22	4	21	14	19	18	37	47
Marlborough,	2,101	65	64	52	53	27	20	20	28	28	25	30	25
Medford,	2,478	106	106	57	78	14	25	34	33	29	27	44	36
Natick,	1,285	6	31	45	51	8	10	15	15	16	25	20	31
Newton,	3,351	4	2	2	4	17	23	8	20	22	32	30	26
Pepperell,	1,571	29	21	29	38	14	16	15	12	18	18	21	20
Reading,	2,193	1	59	69	60	19	21	15	16	.	36	47	34
Sherburne,	995	22	27	19	17	2	10	10	8	17	22	14	9
Shirley,	957	16	18	29	38	9	10	7	8	4	13	17	18
South Reading,	1,517	30	60	30	41	25	13	11	27	23	23	44	22
Stoneham,	1,017	33	6	26	34	12	7	15	8	13	11	6	21
Stow,	1,230	.	2	48	2	.	12	5	10	.	1	13	8
Sudbury,	1,422	26	15	38	37	14	14	12	13	36	20	14	15
Tewksbury,	906	.	4	7	.	4	7	2	.	9	10	5	.
Townsend,	1,892	.	.	39	53	16	11	7	8	23	22	25	25
Tyngsborough,	870	29	24	16	19	9	6	7	4	14	15	6	9
Waltham,	2,504	72	31	75	61	30	26	27	24	59	39	43	35
Watertown,	1,810	62	.	50	60	20	.	21	6	29	.	31	25
Wayland,	998	34	28	24	27	6	13	2	5	16	16	19	10
West Cambridge,	1,363	35	37	.	46	11	19	.	.	26	33	.	.
Westford,	1,436	27	17	18	12	7	9	4	8	21	29	17	14
Weston,	1,092	13	26	28	18	8	9	7	8	15	21	18	14
Wilmington,	859	33	15	15	23	10	12	6	12	17	13	12	17
Woburn,	2,993	5	3	46	94	25	39	33	42	58	42	50	53
Totals,	106,611	992	930	2814	3050	1037	1022	949	1168	1549	1598	1553	1506

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		1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.
WORCESTER CO.													
Ashburnham, . . .	1,652	54	44	58	32	18	18	18	10	31	33	34	38
Athol, . . .	1,591	50	49	46	51	18	12	15	8	35	27	19	33
Auburn, . . .	649	10	3	13	23	4	6	4	6	9	8	7	5
Barre, . . .	2,751	73	75	.	68	21	21	19	12	40	41	43	35
Berlin, . . .	763	8	13	24	24	1	6	1	5	12	17	16	9
Blackstone, . . .	.	.	.	.	63	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
Bolton, . . .	1,186	27	42	23	30	4	11	5	6	18	21	26	19
Boylston, . . .	797	8	9	19	15	7	9	11	7	14	15	9	9
Brookfield, . . .	2,472	.	.	55	62	19	.	8	9	52	.	.	27
Charlton, . . .	2,117	7	25	6	9	20	20	16	11	15	39	43	30
Dana, . . .	691	.	24	18	24	4	19	4	6	10	14	.	11
Douglas, . . .	1,617	20	22	49	.	20	17	3	.	18	16	14	.
Dudley, . . .	1,352	.	23	22	41	.	5	6	10	.	12	22	19
Fitchburg, . . .	2,604	7	88	76	91	23	30	25	37	1	37	3	56
Gardner, . . .	1,260	54	31	36	44	14	12	14	11	23	30	20	18
Grafton, . . .	2,943	18	35	79	111	56	47	36	28	36	24	55	54
Hardwick, . . .	1,789	.	50	50	33	14	19	6	18	23	25	19	30
Harvard, . . .	1,571	30	20	27	33	13	13	8	13	22	21	25	21
Holden, . . .	1,874	61	46	59	70	15	17	16	25	27	25	42	36
Hubbardston, . . .	1,784	53	52	58	33	13	27	14	17	20	24	41	28
Lancaster, . . .	2,019	6	26	21	7	19	12	16	17	24	39	42	17
Leicester, . . .	1,707	55	28	48	47	7	18	8	14	31	26	33	24
Leominster, . . .	2,069	3	45	69	64	20	14	17	11	38	40	49	28
Lunenburg, . . .	1,272	1	9	24	1	12	7	5	4	22	19	13	18
Mendon, . . .	3,524	47	4	129	33	31	10	19	17	30	38	21	48
Milford, . . .	1,773	55	72	84	61	15	26	19	43	17	37	42	43
Millbury, . . .	2,171	61	58	62	69	16	14	20	24	23	13	35	34
New Braintree, . . .	752	21	6	17	10	7	5	3	6	12	6	10	9
North Brookfield, . . .	1,485	40	2	55	44	15	13	13	14	29	23	29	14
Northborough, . . .	1,248	18	9	26	29	9	7	15	19	18	21	22	22
Northbridge, . . .	1,449	20	20	35	46	16	8	13	13	13	17	23	46
Oakham, . . .	1,038	22	34	19	31	9	6	9	13	28	15	7	12
Oxford, . . .	1,742	19	19	39	53	14	17	12	16	22	31	32	31
Paxton, . . .	670	15	5	20	24	6	9	10	5	12	.	13	15
Petersham, . . .	1,775	29	2	4	34	20	20	11	10	19	26	18	10
Phillipston, . . .	919	2	13	23	16	5	5	8	6	14	17	8	10
Princeton, . . .	1,347	40	4	37	44	12	5	11	11	21	17	21	35
Royalston, . . .	1,667	45	6	31	44	12	12	9	13	22	17	23	19
Rutland, . . .	1,260	25	27	25	30	8	11	10	7	21	15	21	18
Shrewsbury, . . .	1,481	6	29	42	24	13	9	9	7	21	12	35	26
Southborough, . . .	1,145	27	23	22	32	10	1	8	14	19	13	21	22
Southbridge, . . .	2,031	5	58	10	29	14	18	15	20	26	25	41	22
Spencer, . . .	1,604	.	36	28	54	.	22	12	18	.	28	35	22
Sterling, . . .	1,647	10	9	50	38	14	17	9	18	5	31	32	6
Sturbridge, . . .	2,005	8	4	50	36	12	13	14	6	42	33	37	34
Sutton, . . .	2,370	10	7	48	52	14	19	23	22	15	20	17	45
Templeton, . . .	1,776	2	13	39	37	5	19	6	14	16	23	17	28
Upton, . . .	1,466	47	56	42	.	16	19	11	.	22	25	22	26
Uxbridge, . . .	2,004	31	51	57	58	19	10	14	21	37	31	35	42
Warren, . . .	1,290	37	25	41	35	13	5	7	8	10	18	33	23

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		1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.
Webster, . . .	1,403	9	31	50	57	12	8	11	6	3	15	33	18
West Boylston, . . .	1,187	25	33	37	33	13	8	11	16	23	18	16	29
Westborough, . . .	1,658	.	30	41	.	16	22	10	14	27	32	15	.
Westminster, . . .	1,645	5	13	5	52	13	14	6	13	13	30	20	23
Winchendon, . . .	1,754	40	41	.	35	20	19	6	14	28	25	.	.
Worcester, . . .	7,497	9	44	263	.	159	84	86	79	158	144	160	230
Totals, . . .	95,313	1275	1543	2311	2116	900	835	715	793	1287	1369	1469	1527
HAMPSHIRE CO.													
Amherst, . . .	2,550	77	78	74	76	21	18	17	19	49	65	57	54
Belchertown, . . .	2,554	.	40	.	23	28	45	24	16	.	36	37	26
Chesterfield, . . .	1,132	.	6	7	.	2	4	4	5	17	12	16	15
Cummington, . . .	1,237	18	11	16	24	10	2	12	17	16	15	20	10
Easthampton, . . .	717	17	13	17	18	2	7	5	2	8	16	19	13
Enfield, . . .	976	35	29	13	17	8	6	7	7	7	15	12	13
Goshen, . . .	556	12	13	14	11	5	4	1	4	10	13	12	10
Granby, . . .	971	7	11	16	16	3	3	6	9	20	26	10	16
Greenwich, . . .	824	11	20	18	15	7	9	5	3	11	10	13	16
Hadley, . . .	1,814	51	.	42	35	25	.	8	14	30	.	45	26
Hatfield, . . .	933	30	21	26	28	8	16	4	3	9	11	19	14
Middlefield, . . .	1,717	89	15	20	35	4	6	10	2	11	10	16	13
Northampton, . . .	3,750	125	87	130	137	42	16	12	18	59	94	59	54
Norwich, . . .	750	.	18	26	14	.	8	9	2	.	10	18	27
Pelham, . . .	956	17	8	7	14	10	13	6	5	6	7	10	.
Plainfield, . . .	910	.	23	.	2	9	14	.	6	21	14	.	13
Prescott, . . .	780	15	10	.	.	8	8	.	.	12	7	.	.
South Hadley, . . .	1,458	24	40	49	44	14	15	11	7	23	31	22	19
Southampton, . . .	1,157	23	23	33	25	8	11	9	11	15	18	28	13
Ware, . . .	1,890	.	1	53	38	.	19	15	33	.	42	43	35
Westhampton, . . .	759	11	11	17	16	4	3	4	2	13	14	13	9
Williamsburg, . . .	1,309	25	23	33	29	14	19	6	6	15	22	16	19
Worthington, . . .	1,197	32	34	31	36	7	10	5	8	25	30	23	15
Totals, . . .	30,897	619	535	642	653	239	256	180	199	377	518	508	430
HAMPDEN CO.													
Blandford, . . .	1,427	35	42	29	20	22	17	7	2	25	26	23	17
Brimfield, . . .	1,419	.	2	.	16	11	6	8	5	16	30	26	18
Chester, . . .	1,632	10	25	28	34	10	19	6	.	15	14	27	7
Granville, . . .	1,414	.	.	5	22	.	7	7	3	.	26	18	5
Holland, . . .	423	4	1	.	.	2	2	6	5	6	.	.	3
Longmeadow, . . .	1,270	31	7	34	21	7	3	7	10	14	25	19	25
Ludlow, . . .	1,268	28	24	36	36	10	9	8	13	23	21	19	33
Monson, . . .	2,151	50	28	30	59	32	34	11	4	25	52	30	41
Montgomery, . . .	740	14	8	12	14	5	8	1	4	9	8	4	10
Palmer, . . .	2,139	40	.	53	54	15	.	9	14	.	.	.	.
Russell, . . .	955	9	4	10	.	5	2	1	.	6	.	2	.
Southwick, . . .	1,214	.	32	.	34	.	11	.	7	.	21	.	13
Springfield, . . .	10,985	.	.	372	405	173	128	73	67	48	.	132	191
Tolland, . . .	627	.	7	.	19	.	4	7	2	.	15	12	12

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		1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.
Wales,	686	25	18	18	15	17	4	6	3	19	20	9	7
West Springfield,	3,626	.	1	42	60	18	16	29	24	11	29	17	36
Westfield,	3,526	.	66	91	99	24	23	27	15	56	53	56	57
Wilbraham,	1,864	6	3	.	29	7	6	.	15	22	11	.	34
Totals,	37,366	252	268	760	937	358	299	213	193	295	357	394	509
FRANKLIN CO.													
Ashfield,	1,610	2	4	2	37	21	19	.	3	6	20	25	33
Bernardston,	992	17	22	24	20	14	4	5	10	15	8	17	7
Buckland,	1,084	2	.	20	19	6	8	8	7	18	.	6	9
Charlemont,	1,127	25	24	31	35	12	6	6	3	16	20	18	10
Coleraine,	1,971	.	78	35	35	.	6	4	12	.	20	26	30
Conway,	1,409	21	8	46	.	14	9	9	.	9	17	27	.
Deerfield,	1,912	.	.	.	51	12	8	.	15	36	44	.	21
Erving,	309	3	1	10	10	2	.	.	3	4	8	.	5
Gill,	798	27	17	22	14	5	6	5	4	7	20	10	9
Greenfield,	1,756	58	.	32	3	12	.	6	2	40	.	34	.
Hawley,	977	22	10	18	13	2	3	6	3	14	10	17	8
Heath,	895	.	20	14	29	.	4	.	none	.	10	4	22
Leverett,	875	23	10	17	29	8	10	8	8	13	17	22	13
Leyden,	632	22	20	29	9	2	12	4	3	13	5	11	10
Monroe,	282	8	10	7	11	.	.	.	none	1	6	1	3
Montague,	1,255	2	.	32	.	7	2	3	2	21	18	.	12
New Salem,	1,305	35	9	20	35	11	11	4	6	24	12	9	31
Northfield,	1,673	.	21	30	.	.	1	4	5	.	3	11	.
Orange,	1,501	40	7	29	32	9	6	5	15	30	14	18	22
Rowe,	703	15	19	30	13	4	7	8	3	6	14	15	11
Shelburne,	1,022	24	16	22	33	6	4	6	10	11	25	24	10
Shutesbury,	987	22	3	21	24	8	10	4	13	16	4	7	11
Sunderland,	719	12	8	23	10	5	9	6	1	9	10	6	5
Warwick,	1,071	29	12	18	35	8	11	4	8	16	29	21	23
Wendell,	875	21	20	19	4	3	13	3	5	12	15	12	11
Whately,	1,072	24	15	25	27	6	7	7	10	9	9	20	15
Totals,	28,812	454	354	576	528	177	176	115	151	353	358	360	331
BERKSHIRE CO.													
Adams,	3,703	.	.	.	102	.	.	.	15	.	.	.	78
Alford,	481	9	9	13	10	3	2	3	4	5	11	7	2
Becket,	1,342	12	12	18	29	8	8	7	7	9	13	24	31
Boston Corner,	65	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Cheshire,	985	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Clarksburg,	370	10	9	9	8	3	2	.	.	3	4	.	.
Dalton,	1,255	31	37	40	42	8	6	3	.	18	14	11	14
Egremont,	1,038	.	16	19	28	3	4	3	2	.	11	11	5
Florida,	441	15	2	19	5	8	.	.	2	4	2	3	3
Great Barrington,	2,704	68	.	.	.	11	3	10	3	30	15	38	.
Hancock,	922	.	7	21	19	.	.	1	.	.	13	4	12
Hinsdale,	955	25	27	41	21	1	4	3	6	19	16	17	16
Lanesborough,	1,140	28	.	31	18	5	8	.	2	17	11	12	11

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		1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.
Lee,	2,428	62	57	29	34	15	15	20	8	51	38	28	40
Lenox,	1,313	.	6	35	39	6	4	8	7	1	13	21	29
Mount Washington,	438	21	12	13	.	.	1	.	.	7	5	2	.
New Ashford,	227	7	2	5	2	1	2	1	1	7	3	1	.
New Marlborough,	1,682	45	4	41	28	12	.	14	9	28	15	25	11
Otis,	1,177	36	.	12	28	10	7	10	2	30	23	6	8
Peru,	576	13	12	17	12	6	2	1	5	13	12	11	3
Pittsfield,	3,747	56	51	87	101	4	4	1	3	74	51	56	61
Richmond,	1,097	6	12	11	11	6	4	4	3	29	10	14	10
Sandisfield,	1,464	20	1	21	.	7	5	13	11	26	.	21	32
Savoy,	915	1	1	13	6	6	4	3	4	2	1	3	1
Sheffield,	2,322	.	.	49	78	.	10	7	7	.	48	28	35
Stockbridge,	1,992	30	.	41	33	8	.	2	9	22	.	35	25
Tyringham,	1,477	6	8	5	.	6	4	9	.	4	6	25	.
Washington,	991	18	24	22	29	2	3	2	1	19	11	12	14
West Stockbridge,	1,448	.	2	54	49	.	9	8	4	.	10	20	16
Williamstown,	2,153	29	33	57	78	18	10	2	11	32	31	.	22
Windsor,	897	.	.	.	12	.	.	.	6	.	.	.	9
Totals,	41,745	548	344	723	822	157	121	135	132	450	387	435	488
NORFOLK CO.													
Bellingham,	1,055	16	19	30	12	5	11	7	2	10	24	11	8
Braintree,	2,168	55	27	59	69	24	24	14	6	38	23	10	27
Brookline,	1,365	5	6	13	21	8	5	8	8	14	8	15	25
Carleton,	1,995	.	7	65	27	.	11	17	7	.	19	35	32
Cohasset,	1,471	23	31	24	33	19	8	16	10	19	28	28	18
Dedham,	3,290	98	96	90	96	30	31	31	33	60	63	50	70
Dorchester,	4,875	34	13	28	91	44	46	21	47	86	80	78	79
Dover,	520	3	3	8	6	1	3	1	3	9	15	11	8
Foxborough,	1,298	20	43	24	51	10	7	11	17	17	37	18	18
Franklin,	1,717	35	30	23	33	15	9	10	5	24	21	28	29
Medfield,	883	20	9	9	18	6	6	6	4	14	16	18	7
Medway,	2,043	7	6	66	65	33	23	25	29	2	24	14	26
Milton,	1,822	.	7	49	58	.	12	11	16	.	50	38	25
Needham,	1,488	36	8	45	33	14	7	9	4	23	28	26	17
Quincy,	3,486	125	4	147	123	32	20	23	21	48	46	56	53
Randolph,	3,213	.	107	92	138	.	23	32	28	.	64	71	55
Roxbury,	9,089	8	7	304	411	37	49	26	78	42	44	.	.
Sharon,	1,076	4	1	26	22	7	8	9	12	17	26	15	14
Stoughton,	2,142	36	.	68	86	39	26	35	23	32	8	4	36
Walpole,	1,491	.	1	.	.	.	16	.	.	.	25	.	.
Weymouth,	3,738	120	7	145	139	31	39	32	35	55	17	21	62
Wrentham,	2,915	.	13	77	59	17	23	16	16	.	16	8	48
Totals,	53,140	645	445	1392	1591	370	407	360	404	510	682	555	657
BRISTOL CO.													
Attleborough,	3,585	82	3	78	81	30	26	33	25	45	1	60	66
Berkley,	886	20	20	20	12	10	10	4	2	16	13	17	26
Dartmouth,	4,135	.	2	122	92	23	24	33	27	.	1	.	.

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		1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.
Dighton,	1,378	2	.	36	47	15	7	19	7	16	22	15	32
Easton,	2,074	70	4	42	53	24	12	8	19	27	1	52	39
Fairhaven,	3,951	162	170	74	107	39	47	10	34	33	35	33	45
Fall River,	6,738	375	307	310	379	84	120	81	73	69	135	76	55
Freetown,	1,772	.	.	47	43	.	.	5	10	.	.	22	31
Mansfield,	1,382	49	3	34	43	19	11	10	12	19	23	.	17
New Bedford,	12,087	.	5	443	435	.	90	131	114	.	.	1	175
Norton,	1,545	6	11	36	29	16	9	3	8	6	5	8	6
Pawtucket,	2,184	142	.	104	89	10	14	14	13	34	.	6	.
Raynham,	1,329	1	3	43	40	4	4	12	4	21	26	24	19
Rehoboth,	2,169	45	46	55	55	34	35	16	.	32	31	20	25
Seekonk,	1,996	25	.	47	9	23	13	24	9	35	1	35	39
Somerset,	1,005	.	1	24	14	.	4	4	6	.	2	34	24
Swansey,	1,484	.	.	36	32	8	17	9	11	.	.	.	15
Taunton,	7,645	5	1	192	219	43	54	57	43	52	64	73	73
Westport,	2,820	.	.	82	73	33	.	10	2	26	.	39	32
Totals,	60,165	984	576	1825	1852	415	497	483	419	431	360	515	719
PLYMOUTH CO.													
Abington,	3,214	89	120	113	.	28	37	27	39	56	64	75	.
Bridgewater,	2,131	.	65	44	71	.	15	4	12	.	37	45	40
Carver,	995	30	10	35	30	.	7	2	14	9	15	5	1
Duxbury,	2,798	93	52	33	.	32	35	19	10	26	33	19	19
East Bridgewater,	1,950	20	54	30	58	12	11	9	11	21	23	24	19
Halifax,	734	21	22	30	36	7	5	7	2	13	14	17	21
Hanover,	1,488	20	47	41	18	17	13	16	14	15	10	20	16
Hanson,	1,040	17	.	.	.	11	.	.	.	2	.	.	.
Hingham,	3,564	117	102	94	86	24	29	35	22	57	55	57	61
Hull,	231	5	5	3	6	.	1	3	2	6	1	2	7
Kingston,	1,440	15	30	35	32	12	10	15	16	23	35	26	25
Marshfield,	1,761	40	45	47	41	10	30	16	16	36	55	34	23
Middleborough,	5,085	17	25	.	.	30	32	.	.	22	13	.	.
N. Bridgewater,	2,616	76	85	96	70	20	20	22	35	52	52	50	32
Pembroke,	1,258	6	31	17	33	8	7	11	2	9	30	16	19
Plymouth,	5,281	.	34	151	122	.	20	30	41	.	57	81	110
Plympton,	834	22	20	24	19	9	5	8	10	10	18	22	10
Rochester,	3,864	.	65	.	.	19	35	.	.	.	34	.	.
Scituate,	3,886	46	35	88	84	28	19	28	22	63	60	52	43
Wareham,	2,002	40	46	65	66	15	13	9	11	21	25	32	22
West Bridgewater,	1,201	32	30	31	39	13	12	8	9	12	12	29	16
Totals,	47,373	706	923	977	811	297	356	269	288	453	643	606	484
BARNSTABLE CO.													
Barnstable,	4,301	.	18	8	10	.	25	21	38	.	26	15	38
Brewster,	1,522	.	22	31	44	.	11	8	7	.	26	13	22
Chatham,	2,334	60	5	75	35	28	22	18	15	44	70	50	35
Dennis,	2,942	40	48	62	.	13	19	23	.	39	21	33	.
Eastham,	955	27	14	17	13	8	7	3	12	22	21	10	14
Falmouth,	2,589	60	.	72	66	24	19	.	20	29	36	33	37

ABSTRACT OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.—*Continued.*

COUNTIES AND TOWNS.	Popu- lation in 1840.	BIRTHS.				MARRIAGES.				DEATHS.			
		1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.
Harwich, . . .	2,930	200	47	87	105	28	42	19	23	21	11	16	34
Marshpee, . . .	309	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Orleans, . . .	1,974	33	45	34	45	12	19	23	8	18	26	44	27
Provincetown, . . .	2,122	42	85	76	61	25	24	25	22	18	59	41	41
Sandwich, . . .	3,719	63	89	112	118	20	14	23	24	18	18	32	58
Truro, . . .	1,920	71	.	36	55	16	.	12	20	80	.	32	30
Wellfleet, . . .	2,377	45	20	59	44	13	10	13	12	35	32	23	24
Yarmouth, . . .	2,554	48	61	75	79	29	11	13	21	47	51	66	48
Totals,	32,548	689	454	744	675	216	223	201	222	371	397	408	408
DUKES CO.													
Chilmark, . . .	702	13	12	10	12	3	7	5	3	10	8	9	4
Edgartown, . . .	1,736	.	34	30	55	13	12	8	10	26	26	13	26
Tisbury, . . .	1,520	51	55	53	60	7	11	21	11	22	22	26	23
Totals,	3,958	64	101	93	127	23	30	34	24	58	56	48	53
NANTUCKET CO.													
Nantucket, . . .	9,012	.	462	208	227	102	59	38	90	184	195	107	134

RECAPITULATION.

COUNTIES.	Popula- tion in 1840.	BIRTHS.				MARRIAGES.				DEATHS.			
		1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.
Suffolk, . .	95,773	101	91	111	147	768	784	29	22	2006	2,343	88	94
Essex, . .	94,987	1242	1724	15,81	2,175	683	742	583	758	1220	1,421	1292	1504
Middlesex, .	106,611	992	930	2,814	3,050	1037	1022	949	1168	1549	1,598	1553	1506
Worcester, .	95,313	1275	1543	2,311	2,116	900	835	715	793	1287	1,369	1469	1527
Hampshire, .	30,897	619	535	642	653	239	256	180	199	377	518	508	430
Hampden, .	37,366	252	268	760	937	358	299	213	193	295	357	394	509
Franklin, .	28,812	454	354	576	528	177	176	115	151	353	358	360	331
Berkshire, .	41,745	548	344	723	822	157	121	135	132	450	387	435	488
Norfolk, . .	53,140	645	445	1,392	1,591	370	407	360	404	510	682	555	657
Bristol, . .	60,165	984	576	1,825	1,852	415	497	483	419	431	360	515	719
Plymouth, .	47,373	706	923	977	811	297	356	269	288	453	643	606	484
Barnstable, .	32,548	689	454	744	675	216	223	201	222	371	397	408	408
Dukes, . .	3,958	64	101	93	127	23	30	34	24	58	56	48	53
Nantucket, .	9,012	.	462	208	227	102	59	38	90	184	195	107	134
Totals, . .	737,700	8571	8750	14,757	15,711	5742	5807	4304	4863	9544	10684	8338	8844
Totals, after de- ducting Suffolk County, . .	641,927	8470	8659	14,646	15,564	4974	5023	4275	4841	7538	8,341	8250	8750

NOTES.

A part of the returns were accompanied with remarks by the town clerks. From these, the following notes have been compiled. The letters from the same source, contained in former reports, are also referred to. The design of these notes is to show the condition of registration through the State, the practical operation of existing laws on the subject, and the views of the town clerks in regard to such amendments as may be needed to render the system more perfect.

SUFFOLK COUNTY.

BOSTON.—1842. The return of deaths was for the year ending Dec. 31, 1842.—1843. See Second Annual Report, p. 12.—No return of births, marriages or deaths for 1844 or 1845.

CHELSEA.—1845. "The return is a correct copy of the records of the town of Chelsea, as to the number of deaths in the town, as returned to me by the several sextons. I believe there have been some deaths, of which I have no return, as the burial took place without the knowledge of any sexton of the town."

ESSEX COUNTY.

AMESBURY.—1845. *Births.* "The return is probably correct as regards the number of births, the sex, date of birth, and residence of parents. Three children not returned. Mother's name not known in one instance. Occupation not known in 8 instances.—*Marriages.* The number of certificates given in the same time, 34."

ANDOVER.—1842. "One clergyman has made no return of marriages in 6 years; not 20 births are returned annually, nor 5 deaths."—In 1844, about 50 publishments.

BEVERLY.—1843. The number of births, probably 125.

ESSEX.—1843. See Second Annual Report, p. 12.

GLOUCESTER.—1842. Imperfect in every respect, except marriages.—1845. *Marriages.* "The returns of the clergymen have not been given as the law requires; the changes continually making in our population, render it impossible

to answer all the inquiries to be made; there being many foreigners marrying among us who cannot answer the questions with any degree of satisfaction as to their progenitors.—*Deaths*. There may be 8 or 10 deaths not entered on the above list. An out parish, 5 or 6 miles in extent, and whose inhabitants are much scattered, where deaths must have occurred, has made no return."

IPSWICH.—1842. Only 22 births recorded since 1806.—1845. "The returns are not so perfect as may be desired, but are the best I could make from the means in my possession. The School Committee have not furnished me with a return of births, therefore it is not in my power to make one to you."

LYNN.—1843. The return does not state the number of deaths, but there are 116 specified by name. The clerk complains that the law is disregarded.

NEWBURY.—1845. *Births*. "The School Committee have made no return of births, and I did not feel disposed to take any action on the subject. In addition to the above, which I collected in my immediate neighborhood, one physician informs me, that he attended the birth of 42 children in this town, during the year ending May 1, 1845."

ROCKFORD. The returns from this town have been made with great accuracy for the different years, by Mr. Pool, the town clerk. He says, in 1845, as to *Births*. "The facts contained in the above returns were all gleaned with great pains and care by personal inquiry.—*Deaths*. The above return is believed to be correct; although the number of deaths stated is at least one third less than the preceding year. I have not wholly relied on the returns of the sextons, (which, by the way, are approximating towards correctness,) but have ascertained and confirmed the facts by personal inquiry."

WEST NEWBURY.—1845. *Births*. "I have delayed sending till the last moment, hoping to have a more complete return, but am obliged, at this late day, to close, while two school districts remain unreported. I have done the best in my power to have them as they should be, yet they are all very imperfect.—*Marriages*. This is the best I can do from the returns."

NO RETURNS, in 1842, from *Essex, Haverhill, and Newbury*; in 1844, from *Beverly, Haverhill, and Lynn*; and in 1845, from *Beverly*, and of births from *Ipswich*.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

ACTON.—1842. *Births*, not recorded.—1844. Complete except the "number" and "occupation of the father" and "residence of the parents" in one instance only.

ASHBY.—1845. *Births*. The School Committee has made no return of births.

BILLERICA.—1842. *Births*. One birth only recorded; law neglected; some record whole families at once.—1843. Complaints of want of returns.—1844. Very good return, collected by the School Committee.

BURLINGTON.—1842. *Births*. Few births recorded, and some not publicly known.—1843. The clerk thinks the law should oblige some one to complain of delinquents.

CAMBRIDGE.—1843. See 2d Report, p. 13.—1844. One foundling. Return contains 407, of whom 43 were born out of town, and are here rejected. Town

clerk supposes the number to have been 500, or 1 in 17 inhabitants. It is 1 in 23 of the census of 1840. The returns the two last years appear to be accurate.

CHARLESTOWN.—1845. "Every thing on my part has been done to obtain full and correct returns, from the proper sources, of the births, marriages, and deaths in this town, required by the registration act to be done; still the returns are unavoidably very defective. The whole number of marriages returned is short of the truth; for the clergyman of the Episcopal Church in this town has made no return of any marriage whatever, since officiating as such, I think over two years. There appears a reluctance, on the part of some of our clergymen, to comply with the registration law."

CHELMSFORD.—1843. See Second Report, p. 14.—1845. *Deaths*. "The third entry properly belongs to the return to be made next year. It got into this by the remissness of the sextons in making their return. I have returned all the numbers."

FRAMINGHAM.—1845. *Marriages*. "The above return is as full and correct as the certificates will admit of."—*Deaths*. "This is all that has been returned to me. It is undoubtedly an imperfect return."

GROTON.—1845. *Births*. "There were probably 8 or 10 more births in town last year, but I have not been able to obtain the particulars. I have waited for the School Committee, but they have made no returns. The births recorded, I have obtained from other sources."—*Marriages*. "The returns made by Rev. Messrs. Phelps and Sanderson, have been complete generally. The other clergymen returned only the date and fact of the marriage; the other particulars I have obtained from other sources, as fully as I was able."

HOLLISTON.—1843. "Great delinquency on the part of parents, &c."—1844. *Births*. "This return is believed to be complete."—1845. "The School Committee did not ascertain the *day of the month* in which the birth took place." *Deaths*. "6 or 7 have died in town, but have been interred elsewhere, and I have no returns. From a sermon, preached here the first Sabbath in January last, the preacher said the whole number of deaths for the year was 42. I think he may have been correct. I think the sextons here have done their duty, and the returns they have made me are correct."

LEXINGTON.—1843. The records show 1 birth, 11 marriages, and no deaths. "Information derived from other sources than the records, show that there have been at least 23 deaths. The number of births to me unknown. I posted notice last year requesting the inhabitants to bring in the number of births, deaths &c., but to no purpose."

LINCOLN.—1845. *Births*. "Our School Committee utterly refuse to do any thing about making any returns. They made none last year; what I here return, I have picked up myself."—*Deaths*. "One sexton, being wholly unacquainted with the duties required of him, has neglected to make such returns as would be desirable. I make you as full returns as I can, with what I have to make them from."

MEDFORD.—1843. See Second Report, p. 15.

NATICK.—1843. See Second Report, p. 16.—1845. "I fear the returns are somewhat imperfect. The compensation allowed for fees is entirely inadequate for procuring the information sought by Legislative requirements. I have solicited the clergymen for a list of marriages, the sextons for an account of

deaths, and the School Committee for births, more frequently and with more earnestness, than good manners would always justify. And when the information comes, it is often contained on a small scrap of paper, sometimes without dates, and always without method or order. Our population is of a fluctuating character, very much made up of emigrants, some of whom choose not to be very particular in disclosing their origin; and when these persons die, or get married, we are left in the dark with regard to names, ages, places of residence, occupation, &c. &c. I have devoted several days exclusively to the arrangement, registration, copying, &c., and still, the whole is in no way to my satisfaction. Were I to make the returns as they have been made to me, perhaps the document might be as valuable as a sheet of wrapping paper."

NEWTON.—1842. Very imperfect.—1843. "The real number of deaths, probably 50, and births still larger."

PEPPERELL.—1844. *Births*. "This return was got up by myself by actual inquiry, as there were no returns made by parents."

READING.—1842. *Deaths*. No return of deaths has been made.

SHERBURN.—1843. The returns were founded on information collected by the clerk.

SOUTH READING.—1845. "There were 7 births of the 41, which took place among the Irish laborers upon the rail-road, whose parents removed from the town before the end of the year, and, consequently, no further particulars were obtained."

SOMERVILLE. Population included in Charlestown. Supposed 1250. No census has been taken since the town was incorporated.

STONEHAM.—1843. *Births*. The real number of births, probably as many as 33.—Only 1 *death* reported to the town clerk. Last year he collected the facts himself.

TYNGSBOROUGH.—1842. "Returns made from other sources than the record."—1843. "During the last six months, more births have been entered upon the record than had been recorded for forty years before."—1845. "The return of *deaths* is not, nor could not be, complete, unless I had taken the trouble to ride into almost every quarter of the town, and personally made the inquiries necessary to obtain the information. The inhabitants do not, with a very few exceptions, give themselves the least trouble in regard to furnishing the clerk with the necessary information, and the sextons have hitherto totally neglected their duty on this point. I have called their attention to the subject, and trust, next year, the clerk may be enabled to make a full and complete return."

WESTFORD.—1843. "The births were probably more numerous. It is difficult to get returns."

WILMINGTON.—1843. "There have been but few births, deaths, or marriages, recorded for ten years."

WOBURN.—1843. Few births entered.—1844. Twelve births on the return were in January, February, March, and April, 1843, the record beginning January 3, 1843, and ending March 31, 1844.—The following are extracts of letters from the town clerk of Woburn, accompanying the returns for the year 1845:—

Births. "The return of births in the town of Woburn, for the year ending May

1st, 1845, is imperfect in some respects. I have used great exertions to ascertain and make record of all births happening in town, the past year, but I do not think these returns are full. More births, I have every reason to suppose, have happened in this town, than those embraced in this return. The whole number of births returned by the School Committee was 73. Believing their returns were not full, I called upon each physician in town, and they generously gave me their assistance in filling out my records. I received from them twenty births not returned by the committee. I was not able to ascertain from them the names of children, but only the date, and place of birth, names, and occupation of fathers. In some cases, physicians out of town, or midwives, have been in attendance, and the presumption is, that many of them have not been returned to me."

Marriages. "In the return of marriages from Woburn, for the year ending May 1st, 1845, there are 21 omissions, viz: age, 12, names of parents, 9. You will find, in most cases, the names of mothers not mentioned; those who made the returns to me were not particular about ascertaining such facts, which makes my returns imperfect in that respect. I thought it advisable to record the names of fathers that were deceased; all such cases are marked thus + in the returns. When these returns were made to me, there were 130 omissions, beside the names of mothers, and the facts I ascertained, as many as possible, from the parties married. One marriage has occurred in this town, not put down in this return; it was before a justice of the peace, who resides at some distance from the centre of the town, and has not, as yet, been returned to me. I presume 42 marriages are all that have occurred in town this year, although 60 couples have entered their intentions of marriage with me; many included in that number have been married out of town. I have published 38 of those who have been married in town this year. I think many of the difficulties which have arisen in relation to ascertaining the facts required in marriages, will be obviated by the use of the certificate you propose; it appears to me that this ought to be the duty of the town clerks, but no one can afford to do it without pay. The law, I believe, prescribes no pay for returning marriages. I suppose the presumption is, that 50 cents, (the price of a certificate,) will pay for entering, publishing the intention of marriage, ascertaining the facts required by law, recording and returning the same to the Secretary of the Commonwealth. It is a great task for any clerk, and he cannot afford to do it for the money he now receives, if no pay is to be received for these returns; the price of a certificate ought to be one dollar, by law, and then town clerks could afford to take an interest in this matter."

Deaths. "In the return of deaths from the town of Woburn, you will find some omissions." There are "6 omissions of parents names entire, 16 of the names of mothers. These omissions occur mostly in deaths of aged people, where the facts have to be ascertained of the children of the deceased. I find, in such cases, they almost always recollect the names of their grandfathers, but do not know whether they ever had any grandmothers or not. One third of the deaths happening in this town for the past year, are returned to me as having been of consumption. I have put down the names of diseases, &c. as returned to me, unless I was personally acquainted with persons deceased, and then, I have put them down as I knew them. Much praise, I think, is due our sextons of this town, for the zeal they have manifested in carrying out the wishes of the State, and I trust,

that, in the next return that may come from this town, no omissions will occur. I think mistakes may be prevented, in a great degree, by the use of the certificate for the return of deaths, which you have sent to me. I shall endeavor to have them used in all cases."

NO RETURNS, in 1842, from *Bedford, Dunstable, Framingham, and Stow*; in 1843, from *Hopkinton, and Watertown*; in 1844, from *West Cambridge*; and in 1845, from *Littleton and Tewksbury*, of births from *Ashby*, of deaths from *Dra-cut*, and of marriages and deaths from *West Cambridge*.

WORCESTER COUNTY.

ASHBURNHAM.—1842. "Only two or three returns of births or deaths have been made to the town clerk."

AUBURN.—1845. *Births*. "The return of the births is as full as it has been in my power to make it, without going a second time for the information. Where the name of a child is omitted, the parents had not decided upon a name. Where the name of the parents, or the date of the birth, is omitted, it was unknown to my informant. I have taken the trouble to go personally to all these families, but in some cases they were absent, and I had to receive information from others, who were not always able to give it fully."—*Marriages*. "The above is a return of all the marriages that have been solemnized in this town the past year. It is not so perfect as to all the particulars, as the town clerk will be able to make another year with the assistance of the printed blanks sent from your office."—*Deaths*. "The above is a return of all the deaths in this town. It contains all the information I could obtain from the sextons, or the friends of the deceased."

BARRE.—1844. "The town clerk supposes there were about 80 births."—1845. *Births*. "The town clerk is obliged to collect returns of births himself, the school committee refusing to do it."—*Marriages*. "Several marriages have been solemnized in town the past year, and no return thereof made to the town clerk. One clergyman, although frequently requested, has, for three years past, made only one return, and then but one solitary marriage; and it is well known to the town clerk that he has solemnized many in the same time. Some, who are inhabitants of this town, have been out of the State the past year and got married."

BERLIN.—1842. Great remissness in making returns.—1845. "Of the 24 births, 7 were returned me barely within the time prescribed, 14 with numerous omissions in the details, three weeks afterwards, and 3 were not reported at all. The date of solemnization, and the residence of the parties, were the only facts furnished in the clergyman's return of marriages. The sexton, though reminded more than once of the requirements of the law, has made no return. Whether returns to the clerk of births and deaths would be more faithfully made, were the duty transferred to other hands, I do not know; but, to whomsoever entrusted, the necessity of more effectual means of ensuring a performance is shown by the facts above stated. Though a false reliance on the aid and coöperation of others delayed the work till little time was left me to prepare them, I am happy in having effected, in the accompanying returns, an approximation to completeness."

BLACKSTONE.—1845. This was a new town, set off from Mendon and incorporated March, 1845. "But few births have occurred in the town of Blackstone. I have been informed by the town clerk of Mendon, that he returned to you only those which occurred in the town as it now exists. I have, therefore, returned to you all, which occurred in the territory now constituting the town of Blackstone."—*Marriages and Deaths*. "I have received the return of but one marriage, consequently I send you but one. I have not received the return of any death; therefore I have none to return to you."

BOLTON.—1843. "All marriages, that are solemnized in town, are annually handed in and recorded; but, I am sorry to say, little attention has been paid to recording the births and deaths. Of 42 births, only 2 are on record."

DANA.—1842. "No record of births and marriages kept."

DUDLEY.—1845. "The births, marriages and deaths, as returned, may be relied upon as correct. The births were taken by the assessors, when they made their circuit to take their lists for making taxes. The births taken by the assessors is a better and more correct way. It would require a penalty to make the school committee of this town take in the births according to law."

HARDWICK.—1843. See Second Annual Report, p. 17.

HARVARD.—1844. "The facts were furnished by the assessors."—*Marriages*. "The return is the best I can make from the materials furnished by the clergyman. Most of the particulars I have picked out of the town records. If the secretary will send me some blanks, I will engage the return shall be perfect, should I hold my office another year."

HOLDEN.—1845. *Births*. "There are two births in the return that have no name."—*Marriages*. "This return is very defective. The clergymen forget or neglect to make the proper inquiries, and to make regular returns. Some of the defects are owing to persons coming from other towns who were thought not to belong to this return. I think another year they will be more perfect."

HUBBARDSTON.—1845. *Deaths*. "Daniel Mundell supposed himself to be over 93 years old. His children, (reckoning from their own age,) suppose him to be about 105 years, which accords very well with the belief of all persons who knew him 70 or 80 years ago."

LANCASTER.—1845. *Births*. "These births were gathered from sundry persons. The school committee have not made a single return."

LEICESTER.—1845. *Marriages*. "I have made the returns as they were made to me. They are not altogether perfect."—*Deaths*. "The returns are not so full as I could wish, as the sexton did not understand his duty. Probably will do better another year."

LUNENBURG.—1845. *Births*. "But one returned, the committee thinking the trouble of ascertaining too much for the pay."

MENDON.—1844. "A physician is chairman of the school committee and made the return. We probably have got the number nearly correct."

MILLBURY.—1843. The clerk perambulated the town to obtain the materials of his return, and states that it would be cheaper to pay the fine of \$10, than make the requisite returns and copies.—1845. *Births*. "The number of births returned in this town is 64. There are 13 that took place, most of them citizens of this town, while absent on visits with their friends. There are a number of births returned without a name."

NORTH BROOKFIELD.—1843. See Second Annual Report, p. 19.

OXFORD.—1843. "Obtained by actual visit and inquiry by the clerk."—1845. "The returns, I think, are very nearly correct. I procured a man to go over the town for the births, as part of the School Committee refused to comply with the statute. The marriages are returned promptly generally; some few do not have all the necessary facts set forth in the blanks. The deaths were returned promptly."

PHILLIPSTON.—1842. Very imperfect.—1843. Obtained by actual visit and inquiry by the clerk.

ROYALSTON.—1844. "Hereafter I think there will be more attention paid to the law in regard to registration, as soon as the officers and others on whom it imposes the duties of making returns to the clerks become acquainted with what is required of them. The law shall have my aid and attention in carrying out its designs."

RUTLAND.—1845. *Deaths*. "The return embraces every death which has happened in this town, and is believed to be substantially correct."

SHREWSBURY.—1842. Law greatly neglected.—1845. "We have a school committee in each of the 7 school districts, and I regret that I have received returns of births from only 5 of them, which probably embrace about four fifths of the births. This return is, therefore, incomplete. It appears to me that the provisions of the registry act will never be fully carried into effect, until the law imposes a penalty for *neglect of duty* on some others, whose duty is connected with it, as well as upon the town clerk, and persons who solemnize marriage; and why should it not?"

SOUTHBOROUGH.—1843. See Second Annual Report, p. 18.

STERLING.—1842. "Lamentable neglect."—1843. See Second Annual Report, p. 18.—1845. "I shall now make a thorough inquiry concerning the births and deaths the current year myself, being so much dissatisfied with the returns sent."

STURBRIDGE.—1845. *Marriages*. "The record is not so full in regard to some particulars as the statute requires. It may be more so next year."

SUTTON.—1842. "Returns must be incorrect until there are some means of enforcing the law."—1844. "I think this return does not contain all the deaths. I have taken most of them from the newspapers. There are 18 burial grounds in the town, and no overseer to either of them."

TEMPLETON.—1842. No returns of births and deaths for several years.

WESTBOROUGH.—1843. See Second Annual Report, p. 20.

UPTON.—1844. "This blank is filled from memoranda kept by a person for his curiosity. There has not been a death given to me to record."—1845. "There have not been any returns of marriages or births made by the ministers, justices of the peace, or the school committees. Of course, I could not fill the blanks."

WARREN.—1845. *Births*.—"It is impossible to get the exact particulars of 3 or 4, as they are off at a distance."—*Marriages*. "It has been very inconvenient to obtain the required information respecting marriages, until I received those blanks from your office. I now fill them out at the time of giving the certificate."

WESTMINSTER.—1845. "For one, and in behalf of others, I would earnestly request your Honor to recommend to the next General Court, to increase the

town clerk's fees, or reduce their duties. You have stated, in your circular, that 'the chief practical inconvenience experienced in the operation of the law is believed to have been in relation to certain particulars required in the returns of clergymen and others solemnizing marriages;' then you go on and suggest that it is in the power of town clerks to obviate this difficulty. How is it to be done? By taking the burden from the men that have large pay, and placing it on poor town clerks that have but small pay? Now, in all good conscience, is that right? I judge from experience, for I have had the satisfaction of serving as town clerk for over thirty years, and I have had the honor of uniting a number in marriage, and I say, give me the duty and fees of the clergyman rather than those of a town clerk."

WINCHENDON.—1844. "The school committee have not made returns of the number of births."

No RETURNS, in 1842, from *Dudley* and *Spencer*; in 1843, from *Brookfield*; in 1844, of births and deaths from *Winchendon*; and in 1845, from *Douglas*; of births from *Worcester*, of births and marriages from *Upton*, of births and deaths from *Westborough*, and of deaths from *Blackstone* and *Winchendon*.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.

AMHERST.—1843. See Second Annual Report, p. 21.

BELCHERTOWN.—1842. "No record hitherto kept; have made a beginning."
—1845. "The school committee refused to make the returns according to law; and I regret that I am unable to make them complete and full."

CUMMINGTON.—1842. "Very imperfect; great neglect."—1845. "The return is probably nearer complete than last year, although it may be deficient in some particulars. I have endeavored to have the returns made to me comply, as nearly as possible, with the law, but in many respects they fall short, and much of the information in regard to deaths and births I have collected myself."

EASTHAMPTON.—1843. "No record has ever been kept." See Second Annual Report, p. 22.—1845. "There have been but three marriages in this town this year. I have returned two; the other one has not been returned to me. It is made the duty of the sexton to return the deaths to the clerk. We have no such officer in this town, but my returns are probably as correct as if we had."

ENFIELD.—1844. "The returns of births very imperfect."

GOSHEN.—1845. "I send a very imperfect return of marriages. I have thus far depended upon those who solemnize marriages to furnish the necessary information, which they have neglected, and my returns will be unsatisfactory to you; but I think, by making the necessary inquiries at the time of publishing, I shall hereafter be able to send you a more perfect return."

GRANBY.—1842. See First Annual Report, p. 7.—1845. *Births*. "The record of the *marriages* I have no doubt is correct; and so also, I believe, is the record of the *deaths*, with perhaps the exception of the disease, or cause of death, in some cases, for on that subject I have had to depend usually on common report. Physicians are not bound to make report, neither are sextons; but we have no sexton in Granby. There may also be some inaccuracies as to ages in some

cases, for where the person was born elsewhere, there is, of course, no record to report. As to the *births*, I am very confident I have not got them all. Our school committee declined having any thing to do with the business, thinking, perhaps, that it was not one of their appropriate duties. I have had some two or three births reported to me by the parents, and some two or three more in my immediate neighborhood I have obtained by neighborhood inquiries; but for the rest, I have obtained them from the physicians by special inquiries made of them, and they may be correct, or they may not be correct, for they reported in part from their memory, and in part from their books. The law on this subject, as it now stands, is not what it ought to be; it will not accomplish the object, for full and accurate returns, under its provisions, will never be obtained. The old law, making it penal on parents, housekeepers, &c. who shall not enter for record, at the town clerk's office, the births and deaths in their families as they shall occur, has become obsolete, if it ever was enforced; it is now a mere dead letter. But I believe that, were that law re-enacted, with a condition that all who complied with its provisions within a given length of time, say thirty or sixty days, or even before the expiration of the year, should receive a compensation for so doing, not less than that now proffered to school committees, while those who neglected it should suffer the penalty for their neglect, and making it penal on town clerks who should not prosecute for and collect the penalties, it would be useful. But the law should be printed and distributed, and posted up in every place of public resort in the Commonwealth, so that every person might see it and have a knowledge of its provisions. Such a law, I think, would prove efficient, and accomplish its object. The general practice under the old law, so far as I know, or can learn, was for families to have each a *family record* on the books of the town where they lived, where were recorded all the births and deaths of that family as they occurred. For this service, the town clerk received from the town a compensation of eight cents for each record so made, and here ended all his duties on that subject. But under the present law, many new duties are required of him; many additional facts, never before matters of record, are by him to be looked up and ascertained, and, when ascertained, entries are to be made of them. And the records must now all be made and kept in quite a different form from what they formerly were; and still the old-fashioned family records will probably have to be kept up, as a matter of special convenience, as well to towns as to families. And, lastly, under the present law, attested copies of the whole record of births, marriages and deaths in the town, for the year, are by the town clerk annually to be made out and transmitted to the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, under a penalty of ten dollars. Under the old law, a fair compensation, and nothing more, was made to town clerks for their services; but under the present law, while their services are more than tripled, no addition whatever is made to their compensation; and even more, a penalty of ten dollars is inflicted if they neglect or decline doing this additional work for nothing.

"It has occurred to me since I began writing this note, that very few members of the legislature who enacted this law, (a peculiar feature of which is the imposition of a fine for the non-performance of certain extra duties, for which, if performed, no compensation whatever is to be made,) were ever *town clerks*, or ever intended to be."

NORWICH.—1845. "The number of births is nearly correct, but the return is not as full as I trust it will hereafter be. The number of *marriages* and *deaths* I think are correct."

PELHAM.—1845. "There has been one other marriage in this town, as I am informed, but the minister, who lives in Amherst, has not made his return to me. The certificate of publication was given before the last suggestion of yours for the clerk to make the entries of ages, &c. In this return, the place of marriage is required, but as the register has not that on record, I have not been able to inform you of all. In regard to *Deaths*, we have no sexton in this town, and there has been no return to me nor to my predecessor, as appears from the register."

PLAINFIELD.—1845. Births. "Only two births have been reported to the town clerk, since the 1st of March, 1844, and neither of these by the school committee, or by their direction, although 20 or 25 have taken place since any report has been made to the town clerk."

SOUTH HADLEY.—1845. Births. "The return made by the school committee, and believed to be full and correct, with the exception of one born in a family that has left town, which will make the whole number 45."—*Marriages.* "In addition to the above, I believe there was one marriage solemnized by a methodist clergyman, which has not been returned."—*Deaths.* "No deaths have been returned to the clerk, but such were recorded as accidentally came to his knowledge. But one death from the third parish, with about one third of the population, is here returned."

SOUTHAMPTON.—1843. See Second Annual Report, p. 22.

WARE.—1843. "No record of births and deaths is kept."—1845. *Deaths.* "I cannot fill this blank, if I attempted it, as returns have not been made to me. I think the number will not vary 3 from 35."

WESTHAMPTON.—1845. "Not a single instance of a birth or death has been returned to me during the year. The facts have been ascertained wholly by my own inquiries."

WORTHINGTON.—1842 and 1843. "No record is kept of births or deaths."

NO RETURNS, in 1842, from *Norwich* and *Ware*; in 1843, from *Hadley*; in 1844, from *Plainfield* and *Prescott*, and of births from *Belchertown*; and in 1845 from *Prescott*, and births from *Chesterfield*.

HAMPDEN COUNTY.

BLANDFORD.—1845. "It is out of my power to ascertain and make correct returns, of either births, marriages, or deaths, but you have them according to the best information I can get."

GRANVILLE.—1845. "I have tried to get a correct record of deaths, but can persuade no one to make returns. There is no sexton in town, and no particular one to take charge of burials. There are 7 or 8 burying-yards. The people live scattered, and I do not hear of half the deaths that take place."

LUDLOW.—1845. "The date of the registry is all the same. There has been a culpable negligence, on the part of those whose duty it is by law to make the returns. There have been but two returns of marriages made according to law, and those by Charles Alden, Esq.; the rest of the returns I have been obliged to get

as I could, which has compelled me to delay sending the returns to this late hour. It has been the same with the other returns of births and deaths. Shall the law be strictly enforced, and by whom?"

MONSON.—1845. "The above return is not complete. Many of the sextons are not willing to keep a record and make the return as required. It seems, from the law, that there is no penalty if they do not discharge their duty in this respect, and they so understand it."

PALMER.—1842. "No record of deaths by clerk or physician."

SOUTHWICK.—1843. "No record is kept of births or deaths."—1845. *Marriages*. "The age and name of the parents were not returned, but I have ascertained, as far as possible, and put them down."

SPRINGFIELD.—1843. See Second Annual Report, pp. 8 and 23.—1845. "The return of births and deaths, I believe to be nearly correct; and that of marriages far from it. I return all to you, just as they were returned to me. Some of our clergy, and justices of the peace, do not make any return of those they marry, therefore I cannot make, as I wish, a full and correct return to you."

TOLLAND.—1845. *Marriages*. "One of our justices of the peace has solemnized one marriage; and I have frequently requested him to make returns to me, but he has neglected to do it. The law is not properly understood in regard to returns, and I have been to a good deal of trouble to make them understood as they are, but they are not as they ought to be."—*Deaths*. "We have no sexton in town, and it devolves on the clerk to ascertain for himself. My predecessor did not keep a record of deaths, and threw it on me. I have had but a short time to ascertain all the particulars required by law, but will endeavor to be more correct for the future."

WESTFIELD.—1842. "No record of births or deaths for several years."

WEST SPRINGFIELD.—1845. "The Reverend Gentlemen do not make their returns as they should do."

NO RETURNS, in 1842, from *Granville, Southwick and Tolland*; in 1843, from *Palmer*; in 1844, from *Southwick*, and of births from *Brimfield*; and in 1845, from *Russell*, of births from *Holland*, of deaths from *Palmer*, and of marriages from *Chester*.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

ASHFIELD.—1843. "No attention is paid to making returns of births or deaths, to the town clerk."

BERNARDSTON.—1843. "No attention is given to making returns. Town clerks should be paid for making returns."—1845. *Births*. "The return was prepared by Dr. E. W. Carpenter of this town, and is, I believe, *very accurate*. He took great pains to make it so, and exhibited a very praise-worthy desire to aid me in making my return *full and complete*. If every town would be as *thorough*, we should, in a few years, have a very valuable body of statistical information."—*Marriages*. "The return I believe to be perfectly accurate. Our clergymen have exhibited a laudable desire to comply with the law in every particular."—*Deaths*. "The return I believe to be *perfectly accurate* except in one case, where the months and days of a person's age could not be obtained."

BUCKLAND.—1843. "No record has been kept."—1845. "The above are all the returns made, which are probably not one-half the deaths, that have occurred during the year. They are imperfect, and not made according to law, although often spoken to on the subject. I do not offer this as a return, but to show how near our sextons approach the requirements of the law."

CHARLEMONT.—1843. *Marriages*. "Many marriages are solemnized in Vermont."—1845. "Some of our inhabitants have been married out of town during the year, so that no certificates were returned to me. In those cases, I have made no record or return. The returns are as complete and perfect as I could make them."

COLERAINE.—1843. "No record of births and deaths, has been kept."—1845. "In consequence of the returns being made at so late a date, I am unable to make the remarks I intended. I believe they are made correctly, as far as respects the number of births, deaths, and marriages, from the 20th of Aug. 1844. I find no record made by my predecessor in office, of any marriage from the 1st of May, to the 28th of August, 1844; hence it is impossible for me to make a return of the marriages in that time. So far as it has come to my knowledge, those who solemnize marriage, have been very punctual in making returns. I think there will hereafter be no difficulty in making proper and correct returns."

CONWAY.—1843. One clergyman only has made a return of marriages. But little attention has been given to the subject by parents.

DEERFIELD.—1842. Nothing on town record.—1843. "No return of deaths to the town clerk."

ERVING.—1843. "Great neglect through the town. No return of marriages or deaths, and only one birth."—1844. "The attention of the minister has been twice called to the subject by the town clerk, but he still neglects to make any return of marriages."—1845. *Births*. "The return was made by School Committee."—*Marriages*. "The return embraces all the marriages in the town the past year, I have given them as they were returned to me."—*Deaths*. "The return was made by the sexton, and I think includes all the deaths. I will send for some blanks, and endeavor to have the returns more perfect hereafter."

GILL.—1845. "Wishing that the Registry Laws might be carried into practical operation, and become as perfect as may be, I would most respectfully suggest that some alteration is expedient. If I understand the law, the sextons are directed to make the return of deaths to the Town Clerks, and that where no sextons exist, there is no remedy. In the town of Gill, and in many other towns, there are no sextons, and consequently if the Clerks did not, at their own voluntary expense, procure all the information requisite for carrying the law into effect, it would not be done. I have employed the School Committee at my own expense, this and last year, to procure correct returns of deaths, when they returned the births. I do hope, that our Legislature will either empower School Committees to take and make returns of deaths, at the same time they make returns of births, or that the Assessors may be empowered to make the return of births and deaths, which I think, the best method yet suggested. In case these propositions should be rejected, I would suggest that Town Clerks be empowered to get the necessary information at the expense of the town."

GREENFIELD.—1845. *Births.* "No return made by School Committee. The above are the only returns received by me, and these were received from Dr. E. W. Carpenter, a physician living in the adjoining town of Bernardston."—*Marriages.* "The number of marriages has been about 12; the majority go out of the State to be married."—*Deaths.* "No return has been made of deaths; the number is supposed to be about 21."

HEATH.—1843. See Second Annual Report, p. 23.—1845. "There has been no return of marriages during the past year."

MONTAGUE.—1843. "The law is disregarded."—1845. "There appears to be a great indifference about collecting and returning the information on the subjects required. I hope that another year will afford an understanding, that will induce more attention, and that the fruits may be better."

NORTHFIELD.—1843. "Great remissness in making returns."—1845. "There has been no returns of births or deaths, the past year."

ORANGE.—1845. "The deaths were not returned until I had made out my return. The return is not what it ought to be, but I think the sextons will understand their duty and comply in future."

ROWE.—1845. *Marriages.* "To account for the small number of marriages, I can only refer you to the Registry Law of 1844, and to the map of the Commonwealth."

SHELburne.—1842. Time for returns should be altered.—1843. "Until the law is altered, and then enforced by adequate penalties, the returns cannot be relied upon."

SUNDERLAND.—1845. *Deaths.* "The above are all that have been returned to me, but more deaths have occurred in town."

WARWICK.—1845. *Deaths.* "The months and days are not generally returned."

WENDELL.—1843. The clerk complains of great neglect of the law, and says that the remedy is for the Legislature "to cause the fines to be collected."

NO RETURNS, in 1842, from *Coleraine, Heath and Northfield*; in 1843, from *Greenfield*; in 1844, from *Deerfield*; and in 1845, from *Conway*, of births from *Montague*, of marriages from *Heath and Monroe*, of births and deaths from *Northfield*, and of deaths from *Greenfield*.

BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

ADAMS.—1845. *Births.* "I believe our return of births is quite full."—*Marriages.* "You will perceive that the return of marriages is very few, compared with the births and deaths. The reason for this is, that we are situated almost on the borders of the States of New York and Vermont, and the largest proportion go out of the State, as is very much the custom. We cannot, therefore, get more than one fourth part of the marriages of the inhabitants of the town of Adams."—*Deaths.* "I believe the return of deaths is very nearly correct, as far as could be ascertained."

BECKET.—1845. Deaths. "The return comprises all the deaths that have occurred. It is not as full as I could wish, owing to the neglect of the sextons, whose duty it is to furnish the necessary information. I have, however, added all the statistics I was able to obtain from other sources."

CLARKSBURGH.—1842. "No birth, death, or marriage on record."—1845. "No deaths returned to my office. No marriages in our town; they all go to Vermont."

DALTON.—1842. "No return of births or deaths."

EGREMONT.—1842. "No returns; shall comply hereafter."—1845. *Marriages.* "The above are all the marriages I consider returnable according to the requisition of the law, although others have occurred among our citizens."

FLORIDA.—1845. "The School Committee have made no return. I have recorded when the parents have made application. It is believed the whole number is nearly correct."—*Marriages.* "Certificates of the above were returned, simply stating that they had joined such persons in marriage, at such a time. I have filled the blank as far as I could, from a personal knowledge of the parties."

GREAT BARRINGTON.—1845. Marriages. "Probably more, but I can get no returns as yet."

LEE.—1845. Marriages. "I find, from the record of publishments, that there were 14 during the year, a part of whom went to the state of New York to be married, and a part to other towns in this state, where one of the parties reside."

LENOX.—1842. "No return of births or deaths made."

NEW MARLBORO'.—1845. Births. "There has been but a partial return of births."—*Marriages.* "Return not yet full."

PERU.—1844. Births. Good return, signed by School Committee and town clerk.

SANDISFIELD.—1845. "I send you the returns with as much particularity as I am able to do, under all the circumstances in which I find myself placed. There is not, and never has been, (judging from the records,) any regularity or punctuality on the part of those whose duty it is, and has been, to make returns of births, marriages, deaths, &c., to the clerk's office in this place. No return of births made from any source, for the year preceding May 1st, 1845, to this date. The intention of the several legislative bodies which have passed upon this matter, can never be fully carried out, nor the expectations of the country realized, until more efficient measures are put forth and duly executed. It strikes me, that it should be made, by enactment, the special duty of some one of the town officers in each town, to see that the present law, (and other laws enacted, if necessary,) be punctually obeyed in this respect, and that a sufficient penalty be attached, to make said officer discharge his duties in the premises."

SAVOY.—1845. Births. "As the law is, it devolves on the School Committee to make the returns to the town clerk. They say they will not do it; so I got a few births, but presume not half that have occurred."—*Marriages.* "Some more marriages have taken place in this town, but have not been returned to me. As there is no one to put the law in force, it is impossible to make return of all the marriages. Some methodist ministers make no returns at all to me."—*Deaths.* "Some more deaths have occurred in town. People pay but little attention to the law."

WEST STOCKBRIDGE.—1845. "The returns are not perfect, but as nearly so as is possible, unless the town clerk will take upon himself to discharge all the duties in this behalf, by law, imposed upon clergymen, justices, parents, householders, &c."

WILLIAMSTOWN.—1845. *Deaths.* "The above are all the deaths that have taken place in this town during the specified time, as far as my knowledge extends. It is not as perfect as could be wished. The sextons have not been as prompt as they ought; and when I took the town books, in March last, I found no record of deaths, during the time specified; hence it has been with much difficulty, that I have obtained the above. I have seen the sextons, and endeavored to point out their duty."

NO RETURNS, in 1842, from *Adams, Cheshire, Hancock, Sheffield, West Stockbridge, and Windsor*; in 1843, from *Adams, Cheshire, Stockbridge, and Windsor*; in 1844, from *Adams, Boston Corner, Cheshire, and Windsor*; and in 1845, from *Boston Corner, Cheshire, Mount Washington, and Tyngham*, of births, from *Sandisfield*, of marriages, from *Dallon and Hancock*, of births and deaths from *Great Barrington*, and of marriages and deaths from *Clarksburg*.

NORFOLK COUNTY.

CANTON.—1843. See Second Annual Report, p. 27.—1845. *Deaths.* "The return is believed to be correct, as the sexton has been regular in making his reports."

MEDWAY.—1842. "Only 2 deaths and 2 births returned for 2 years."

MILTON.—1843. See Second Annual Report, p. 29.

STOUGHTON.—1845. *Births.* "The return of births was certified by the School Committee, and is believed to be correct."—*Deaths.* "No returns made by the sextons. There may be a very few not obtained by me, but it is believed to be nearly correct."

WEYMOUTH.—1845. "The return of marriages is not quite complete, as I have reason to believe that there has been some marriages solemnized by one or two individuals, who have either died or removed from the place, without making any return. The returns that have been made, fail in some of the required particulars. I have obtained those that I was able to ascertain. The return of births I believe to be full and complete. The return of deaths is also probably complete in the number of the deaths, but not in some other particulars. The sextons in town, some of them wholly, and others partially, failed in making the required returns, alleging that the compensation was very inadequate to the labor necessary. I was, in consequence, obliged to procure other means of information, which I obtained principally from the School Committee, who readily undertook to supply the failure of the sextons. It seems that it might be preferable to make it the duty of the assessors to collect the deaths, as they are now obliged to the militia, both of which might be obtained at one time. I trust that in future the returns may be more complete, as people become acquainted with the law, and its objects."

WRENTHAM. See Second Annual Report, p. 29.—1845. "The returns are as

perfect as the circumstances will admit, but not so perfect as we hope to be able to make in future. We have eight cemeteries in town."

No RETURNS, in 1842, from *Canton, Milton, Randolph, and Walpole*; in 1844, from *Walpole*; and in 1845, from *Walpole*, and of deaths from *Roxbury*.

BRISTOL COUNTY.

ATTLEBOROUGH.—1843. "Great inattention in making returns of births and deaths."

BERKLEY.—1845. *Marriages*. "Having no settled minister, during the past year, the marriages have been mostly solemnized by the clergymen of the adjoining towns. This makes our return so small."

DARTMOUTH.—1842. "No births or deaths recorded for a number of years."

FAIRHAVEN.—1843. "The returns are not made to the town clerk in season for his return to the Secretary."—1845. "The number of births has (I believe) been correctly returned, as one member of the School Committee took the whole burden upon himself, and performed his duty faithfully, and it is to be regretted that the law did not, at the same time, require him to ascertain the number of deaths that have occurred in the town the past year; for, as the law now stands, (so far as it relates to deaths,) it cannot be complied with without subjecting the sextons of burying grounds to inconveniencies for which they do not receive an adequate compensation. I have received returns of deaths from five sextons, and, with one exception, the year had closed before they made them, and you will perceive, by the returns, that they were all recorded at four different times only. Two of them sent very imperfect returns, but, where it has been practicable, I have obtained the information which they omitted. One of them sent in five that occurred in New Bedford. I recorded them, and copied them on the returns now made to you before I was aware of the fact; but you will perceive that they are not numbered in the left hand column, nor included in the number at the top of the returns. They often have to attend funerals two or three miles from their places of residence, and, generally, do not get there until the services have commenced. Consequently, they have no opportunity of getting any information from the friends of the deceased, unless they visit them expressly for that purpose. And, as there is no penalty for refusing, and the amount allowed them for their trouble is so small, the prospect seems to be that they will neglect making perfect returns unless they take an interest in it, which will lead them to make exertions without the fear of penalties, or the hope of rewards. There are also yards in other towns, near the line of this town, which some of the citizens of this town use, and from the sextons of those yards no returns have been received, although there have been some of the inhabitants of the town buried in them the past year. Two inhabitants of the town have died at sea, whose deaths are not included in the returns. As regards marriages, I think there may possibly have been four or five solemnized, of which no returns have been made to the town clerk. Persons performing that duty have seemed very unwilling to obey the law strictly, as you will see by the returns. Some of them made none until the

close of the year, and others have felt delicate about asking the questions which they are required to. But the last named objection is now removed, as the required information is added to the certificate given to the parties to be married."

FALL RIVER.—1842. See First Annual Report, p. 58.—1843. See Second Annual Report, p. 24.—1845. *Births*. "There were 4 births reported as having occurred in other towns in the State not included in the above. The family now live here, and probably will not be returned. The population of Fall River, in May, 1845, was 10,153. In 1844, it was 9,054. Increase in 1 year, 1,099. Polls, 2,724. Children between 4 and 16 years, 2,724. Enrolled in militia, 1649. Taxes voted in 1844, \$24,000; in 1845, \$38,500."—*Marriages*. "The imperfections in the foregoing return are chargeable to the persons solemnizing marriages. Circulars containing the law, and also a 'form' have been issued by the town clerk to all the stated clergymen in town. I am satisfied, in my own mind, that this return does not comprise one half of the marriages which have been solemnized during the year ending 1st of May, from the fact that there were 166 publications during that period."—*Deaths*. "From a glance at the foregoing return, it will be perceived that one sexton has been culpably negligent in the discharge of his duty. One half of these deaths have come to the knowledge of the clerk through other sources than that of the sexton. Due diligence has been observed in giving all necessary instructions to the sexton touching the law, including forms, but to little or no purpose. He promises, however, to do better in future, if provided with the blanks, of which the Secretary of State has furnished a specimen."

MANSFIELD.—1843. "No births or deaths returned to town clerk."—1845. *Deaths*. "I cannot get a perfect return from the sextons. I did my best with them, but this return is very imperfect. The number of deaths last year, from the best information I can obtain, was 23."

NEW BEDFORD.—1843. See Second Annual Report, p. 26.—1845. "These returns are not as complete, in all respects, as I could have wished them to be; I have, however, endeavored to make them as much so as possible, all things considered. The number of *Births*, I believe, are correctly given; but this cannot be said of either the marriages or deaths. While many of our clergymen here have made their monthly returns promptly, and, I believe, correctly, and have manifested a disposition and a willingness to render every aid in their power in this matter, others have either wholly or partially disregarded the law requiring such returns. The number of *Marriages* returned you will perceive to be 114, which is undoubtedly far short of the actual number. The number who entered at this office their intentions of marriage, during the past year, was 187. Now supposing the number of those who were published in this town and married in another to be equal to those who were published in some other town, and married in this, and supposing also that one tenth of the whole number published remain unmarried, we should have 169 as the actual number of marriages during the year, which is most probably very near the truth. The number of *Deaths* returned will vary much less, I think, from the actual number, than that of the marriages. All the sextons of the regularly established cemeteries and burying places have made their returns regularly, with a single exception; and this individual has pledged himself that, for the future, he will comply with the law.

There are, however, undoubtedly many interments which are made in family burying-places, of which no returns are made to this office. In conclusion, I would simply add that my best endeavors will be used to carry out the designs of the Legislature, in establishing the law requiring the aforesaid returns."

NORTON.—1845. "In Norton, there are about 20 burying grounds, mostly family burying grounds, and no sexton chosen to take charge of them. But two deaths have been sent to me to be recorded since I made my last return. Those I have recorded have come within my knowledge otherwise. The law should be amended so that the School Committee, when they collect the births, should collect the deaths also."

PAWTUCKET.—1842. "Physicians from R. I. practise here."—1843. "No births or deaths returned to town clerk."

RAYNHAM.—1845. "The return contains all the marriages sent to me. It is imperfect, owing to deficiency in returns."

SEEKONK.—1842. "The clerk has exerted himself unsuccessfully."—1843. "The deaths estimated at 40, births at 60. Couples published, 28."

WESTPORT.—1845. "I find, by the town records, that there have been 17 publishments posted by the former town clerk the past year, but through the neglect of the clerk, and those persons who solemnized the marriages, they have not been recorded according to law. But since I was chosen, you have it as above recorded."

No RETURNS, in 1842, from *Freetown, New Bedford, and Somerset*; in 1843, from *Freetown and Westport*; and, in 1845, of marriages from *Rehoboth*; and of deaths from *Dartmouth and Pawtucket*.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY.

DUXBURY.—1845. "There has not been any return of births to me the past year."

EAST BRIDGEWATER.—1845. *Deaths*. "The above are the deaths of which I have knowledge. It may be presumed, there have been some in remote parts of the town, that were interred out of town, of which our sextons were not informed."

HALIFAX.—1845. *Deaths*. "Some of the ages I have not been able to obtain; likewise the name of the parents, &c. As there has been no superintendant of burying grounds, I have had to procure them the best way I could."

HINGHAM.—1845. "The return of births and deaths, I believe to be full and complete; but the return of marriages is not. I know that there have more marriages taken place than are returned. These are much more complete than when I received them, as I have taken great pains to collect what information I could in relation to them. I have delayed the return in hopes that further returns would be made from persons who solemnize marriages."

MARSHFIELD.—1843. "Dr. ——— of Hanover has attended on persons in this town, but refuses to report the names of the disease of which they died."—1845. *Marriages*. "The above is not as perfect a return as I desired, but it is full as to the number married."—*Births*. "The return is complete and perfect I believe, excepting four parents have not as yet given names to their children. By direction

of the school committee, I obtained the facts from actual inquiry. I am indebted largely to Dr. Blanchard, who keeps a record of all the facts required by law of the cases he attends."—*Deaths*. "We have no sextons. The return was obtained, by actual inquiry by myself, and contains all the deaths that have occurred."

NORTH BRIDGEWATER.—1843. "A true return so far as I have been able to obtain the information."

PLYMOUTH.—1843. See Second Annual Report, p. 31.—1845. "The returns of deaths the last six months are without date, they occurred at 'Manomet Pond.' I shall obtain the dates and enter them in my books."

PLYMPTON. In this town the record has been kept with great care, by Lewis Bradford, town clerk, who has been elected annually since 1812. That officer himself collects the facts for his returns, with a fidelity worthy of all praise.—1842. See First Annual Report, p. 56.—1845. *Births*. "The dates in the column, headed 'when registered,' were made in a minute-book at the time the town clerk, as one of the school committee, called on the parents to take account of the births of their children, &c., and afterwards entered on the records. There was no illegitimate birth, nor any birth of a colored person."—*Deaths*. "The town clerk of Plympton took a full account of the deaths and funerals in Plympton in a private journal he kept for that purpose, and near the time they occurred and at times afterwards entered the deaths in the town records. That journal contains many particulars which are not registered in this record. The following is taken from one of the statistical tables kept in the town records of Plympton, by the present town clerk, showing the number of deaths in each month during 33 years, from Jan. 1, 1812 to Jan. 1, 1845:—

In January, 46.	In April, 39.	In July, 29.	In October, 50.
February, 35.	May, 48.	Aug., 42.	November, 31.
March, 56.	June, 32.	Sept., 49.	December, 37.

Total, - - 494.

During the 33 years, every birth, marriage, and death in Plympton, has been recorded in the town records. The population of Plympton in 1840, according to the U. S. census, was 835; according to the State census of that year 861; The births during the 33 years have been 761; males 409, females 352; excess of males 57. During the same time, the deaths have been 494; males 242, females 252; excess of males 10. More males than females move from Plympton. The ages of the 242 males averaged 40 years, 6 months, and 7 days. Of the 252 females 41 years, 6 months, and 16 days. Of the 494 of both sexes, 41 years and 15 days."

ROCHESTER.—1842. No returns, but thinks they may be complete next year.

WEST BRIDGEWATER.—1843. See Second Annual Report, p. 30.—1845. "As I have been under the necessity of visiting every section of this town myself, to obtain the information for my record, the enclosed returns are believed to be perfect. I have not had a return of a single birth or death made me, for the year past. The clergy too, have generally been equally remiss in their duty. The most of them, who have pretended to make any sort of returns, have barely given the names of the parties, the date and place of marriage, and their own names. The age, condition, occupation, place of residence, and the names of the parents, have

been left for me to ascertain elsewhere. I think if the whole duty were to devolve on the town and city clerks, we should have a more perfect registration throughout the State. The truth is, there are too many charged with the business."

NO RETURNS, in 1842, from *Bridgewater*, and *Plymouth*; in 1843, from *Hanson*; in 1844, from *Hanson*, *Middleborough*, and *Rochester*; and in 1845, from *Hanson*, and *Middleborough*, of births from *Duxbury*, and of births and deaths from *Abington*. *Rochester*, received too late for the abstract.

BARNSTABLE COUNTY.

BARNSTABLE.—1845. "In relation to the return of marriages, I would say that there seems to be, on the part of many clergymen in town, a very great unwillingness to comply fully with the requirements of the law; they consider that it imposes a burthen upon them which will benefit no one. The return of births is very incomplete, it being of only such as I have learned from personal inquiry, the school committee having made no return. The return of deaths composes only such as I have from actual inquiry learned; there have probably others occurred in the town within the last year."

CHATHAM.—1845. *Births*. "There has been no returns of births made to me during the year from any source."—*Deaths*. "There are no sextons in this place, consequently I have obtained the information from different individuals, generally from those that were connected with the deceased; it is probably correct."

DENNIS.—1843. "It is customary for the town clerk to go through the town and collect the information himself."

EASTHAM.—1843. "The registration laws are so vague and loose that our citizens have been in the habit of disobeying them altogether. I have applied personally for the information this year, expecting our next legislature will alter and amend the laws." 1845.—"The record of deaths is correct, as I obtained the information from personal inquiry, but the record of births is not full as regards particulars, having had no returns from the school committee. The marriages solemnized by Rev. H. H. Smith, are, I presume, correct, but the few others were solemnized by clergymen out of town."

HARWICH.—1845. *Marriages*. "Five persons have solemnized marriages in Harwich last year, though but one of them has made the return as prescribed by law. I have, however, ascertained the ages, names of parents, &c. which I believe is, with few exceptions, correct."—*Deaths*. "The return is as nearly correct as possible, yet there may be a few omitted, though I have gone through the town to ascertain every one, if possible."

WELLFLEET.—1843. "Physicians should be compelled to make returns of deaths, and causes of death."

NO RETURNS, in 1842 received from *Barnstable* and *Brewster*; in 1843, from *Truro*; and in 1845, from *Dennis*.

DUKES COUNTY.

EDGARTOWN.—1845. "I have procured every item of information, with the exception of two or three relating to marriages. Clergymen are not particular in their returns to me; frequently handing in the certificate which I gave of the publishment of the couple, without the date of the marriage, age of the parties, residence of parents or even their own signature; and this has been the case after I have read the law respecting their duty, to them. In the case of deaths, our sexton has not made return of a solitary item during the year, laying the whole burthen upon myself, all of which I have endeavored to perform; but have not been able to make my returns to you, so complete as I could have wished."

NANTUCKET COUNTY.

NANTUCKET.—1843. "The return I believe to be a correct list, as near as I can collect them, from physicians and sextons."

TABLE I. 1. ABSTRACT OF THE RETURNS OF THE BIRTHS,
in the several Counties, for each month of the year ending April 30, 1845.

MONTH.	Sex.	COUNTIES.												TOTAL.	
		Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Franklin.	Berkshire.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.	Nantucket.		Dukes.
May, .	Male, .	83	81	68	23	25	19	33	52	64	30	20	4	2	504
	Female, .	92	70	68	15	25	25	22	61	69	26	21	3	2	499
	Not stated, .		2	2	1	1		1	2		1				10
June, .	Male, .	82	94	55	26	26	24	36	62	69	28	24	7	6	539
	Female, .	66	106	63	15	36	20	33	46	68	28	27	6	4	518
	Not stated, .		1	3	1			1							6
July, .	Male, .	73	120	98	33	32	20	42	61	67	34	22	8	5	615
	Female, .	94	103	108	28	35	21	36	56	63	25	32	13	5	619
	Not stated, .							1							1
August, .	Male, .	90	136	99	28	47	19	36	62	77	41	31	11	7	684
	Female, .	99	126	104	35	41	20	26	67	71	26	31	5	7	658
	Not stated, .	1	1	4			1	1							8
September, .	Male, .	86	125	120	28	37	29	28	71	62	27	35	10	5	663
	Female, .	91	145	79	30	34	20	32	60	66	35	33	10	6	641
	Not stated, .	1	2	1	2		1	3							10
October, .	Male, .	105	136	81	31	28	21	40	63	81	34	32	7	10	669
	Female, .	92	138	77	17	31	33	40	66	84	43	20	9	1	651
	Not stated, .	2	1		1										4
November, .	Male, .	91	127	79	21	41	19	39	64	77	29	19	4	9	619
	Female, .	84	117	90	22	34	15	34	62	70	35	29	5	5	602
	Not stated, .		5	3	1	2	1		1		1				14
December, .	Male, .	92	115	81	25	32	23	25	60	75	33	30	9	8	608
	Female, .	59	126	79	25	42	18	34	76	72	40	28	10	1	610
	Not stated, .	7	3	3	2	1	1	1	1			1			20
January, .	Male, .	89	131	90	30	37	24	34	76	88	36	25	15	8	686
	Female, .	84	135	84	27	36	16	28	57	97	29	31	12	7	643
	Not stated, .	1		1		1	1				1	1			6
February, .	Male, .	82	130	82	22	48	17	24	77	76	36	33	11	4	642
	Female, .	86	138	85	33	36	17	44	51	79	42	18	8	4	641
	Not stated, .	3		3	2	1	2					1			12
March, .	Male, .	103	166	113	21	44	18	39	69	94	27	36	14	9	753
	Female, .	99	155	100	35	47	25	30	77	86	36	29	15	1	735
	Not stated, .	1	3	3	1	6	1		2	1	2	4			24
April, .	Male, .	114	153	84	22	36	33	35	82	84	44	31	15	6	739
	Female, .	109	130	86	35	36	22	41	56	86	35	26	16	5	683
	Not stated, .	8	2	9	2	3		1		1	1	3			30
Total, .	Male, .	1090	1517	1050	310	433	266	411	799	914	399	338	115	79	7721
	Female, .	1055	1489	1023	317	433	252	400	735	911	400	325	112	48	7500
	Not stated, .	24	20	32	13	15	8	9	6	2	6	10			145
Month not stated, .	Male, .	1	5	4	5	27			18	10	1	1			72
	Female, .	5	11	7	3	27		1	26	14					94
	Not stated, .		8		5	2	2	1	7	1	5	1			32
Grand total, .		2175	3050	2116	653	937	528	822	1591	1852	811	675	227	127	15,564

TABLE I. 2. BIRTHS; PLURALITY CASES.

MONTH.	Sex.	COUNTIES.											TOTAL.		
		Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Franklin.	Berkshire.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.		Dukes.	Nantucket.
May, .	Male, .	2	2	.	.	.	2	2	2	.	1	.	.	.	11
	Female, .	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	2	2	1	.	.	.	5
	Not stated, .	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
June, .	Male, .	.	.	2	1	.	1	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	8
	Female, .	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
	Not stated, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
July, .	Male, .	2	1	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	11
	Female, .	.	1	4	.	.	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	9
	Not stated, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
August, .	Male, .	.	1	3	3	.	.	2	1	2	.	7*	.	.	19
	Female, .	.	3	1	1	.	2	.	1	2	.	.	.	.	10
	Not stated, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
September, .	Male, .	2	6	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	2	.	.	.	12
	Female, .	.	8	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	2	.	.	.	12
	Not stated, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
October, .	Male, .	.	.	2	2	2	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
	Female, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
	Not stated, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
November, .	Male, .	2	.	1	.	.	.	2	1	4	.	1	.	.	11
	Female, .	6	.	1	.	2	.	2	1	2	.	1	.	.	15
	Not stated, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
December, .	Male, .	.	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
	Female, .	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	8
	Not stated, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
January, .	Male, .	7	.	2	1	2	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	16
	Female, .	1	2	.	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
	Not stated, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
February, .	Male, .	1	4	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
	Female, .	1	2	3	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	12
	Not stated, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
March, .	Male, .	5	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
	Female, .	1	.	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	6
	Not stated, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
April, .	Male, .	2	.	1	.	.	1	3	2	1	3	.	.	.	13
	Female, .	2	4	1	.	.	1	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	13
	Not stated, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total, .	Male, .	23	18	25	7	4	7	12	13	7	6	8	2	.	132
	Female, .	11	22	15	5	8	7	10	7	9	6	3	.	.	103
	Not stated, .	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Month not stated, .	Male, .	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Female, .	.	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
	Not stated, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Grand total, .	.	34	44	42	12	12	14	22	20	16	12	11	2	.	241

* A triplet case in Harwich.

TABLE II. 1. ABSTRACT OF THE RETURNS OF MARRIAGES,
in the several Counties, for each month of the year ending April 30, 1845.

COUNTIES.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Month not stated.	TOTAL.
Essex, .	63	51	43	42	63	82	116	89	68	49	39	50	3	758
Middlesex, .	126	74	71	80	105	126	139	94	109	66	46	127	5	1168
Worcester, .	92	64	34	38	79	85	98	60	50	37	48	108	.	793
Hampshire, .	26	11	5	4	24	29	29	16	18	10	8	18	1	199
Hampden, .	29	11	10	16	15	20	17	15	20	13	14	12	1	193
Franklin, .	11	10	12	9	19	13	24	9	16	6	12	9	1	151
Berkshire, .	10	7	6	7	9	27	10	9	15	8	10	13	1	132
Norfolk, .	32	29	26	20	24	44	49	49	31	23	25	52	.	404
Bristol, .	38	38	28	37	36	46	42	39	33	27	26	28	1	419
Plymouth, .	19	23	14	16	31	35	41	33	24	10	14	24	4	288
Barnstable, .	13	7	7	7	6	21	49	38	20	14	13	23	4	222
Dukes, .	.	4	.	1	1	3	4	5	2	2	2	.	.	24
Nantucket, .	6	7	7	9	7	7	11	8	8	5	5	10	.	90
Total, .	465	336	263	286	419	538	629	464	414	270	262	474	21	4841

TABLE II. 2. CONDITIONS AND AGES OF PARTIES TO MARRIAGES,
for the year ending April 30, 1845.

(1.) BETWEEN BACHELORS AND MAIDS.

AGE OF THE MEN.	AGE OF THE WOMEN.													To TAL.
	Under 20.	20 to 25.	25 to 30.	30 to 35.	35 to 40.	40 to 45.	45 to 50.	50 to 55.	55 to 60.	60 to 65.	65 to 70.	Age of women not stated.	Condition and age of women not stated.	
Under 20, . . .	33	19	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	54
20 to 25, . . .	443	758	100	5	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	17	1	1326
25 to 30, . . .	184	524	217	23	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	10	.	962
30 to 35, . . .	24	96	89	26	8	3	1	.	.	.	.	5	.	252
35 to 40, . . .	4	21	32	17	2	4	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	82
40 to 45, . . .	2	2	5	5	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
45 to 50, . . .	.	1	1	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
50 to 55, . . .	.	1	1	.	.	2	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	5
55 to 60, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
60 to 65, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
65 to 70, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
70 to 75, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
75 to 80, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Age of men not stat'd	14	21	9	2	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	719	3	769
Condition and age } of men not stated, }	.	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12	.	15
Total, . . .	704	1444	457	81	17	15	2	1	.	.	.	765	4	3490

(2.) BETWEEN BACHELORS AND WIDOWS.

Under 20, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20 to 25, . . .	.	2	10	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	17
25 to 30, . . .	.	4	7	7	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	23
30 to 35, . . .	.	.	2	5	4	2	1	1	.	.	.	1	.	16
35 to 40, . . .	.	1	1	1	3	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
40 to 45, . . .	.	.	2	3	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
45 to 50, . . .	.	.	.	1	1	.	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	7
50 to 55, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55 to 60, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	2
60 to 65, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
65 to 70, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
70 to 75, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
75 to 80, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Age of men not stat'd	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	20	.	21
Condition and age } of men not stated, }	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7	.	8
Total, . . .	.	7	22	20	13	10	6	2	1	.	1	31	.	113

CONDITIONS AND AGES, &c.—*Continued.*

(3.) BETWEEN WIDOWERS AND MAIDS.

AGE OF THE MEN.	AGE OF THE WOMEN.												To- TAL.	
	Under 20.	20 to 25.	25 to 30.	30 to 35.	35 to 40.	40 to 45.	45 to 50.	50 to 55.	55 to 60.	60 to 65.	65 to 70.	Age of women not stated.		Condition and age of women not stated.
Under 20, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20 to 25, . . .	5	7	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
25 to 30, . . .	9	33	13	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	62
30 to 35, . . .	4	21	26	21	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	82
35 to 40, . . .	2	11	28	12	7	.	1	.	.	.	.	2	.	63
40 to 45, . . .	.	5	15	20	13	8	1	1	.	.	.	1	.	64
45 to 50, . . .	.	2	3	6	11	11	5	2	.	.	.	4	.	44
50 to 55, . . .	1	.	3	2	8	5	3	.	.	.	.	1	.	23
55 to 60, . . .	1	.	.	1	3	3	1	.	2	.	.	.	.	11
60 to 65, . . .	.	.	1	2	.	6	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	12
65 to 70, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	1	.	.	.	3
70 to 75, . . .	.	.	.	1	.	2	1	3	2	.	.	.	.	9
75 to 80, . . .	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	2
Age of men not stat'd	2	4	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	84	8	102
Condition and age } of men not stated, }	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total, . . .	24	83	91	72	53	36	14	8	6	1	.	94	8	490

(4.) BETWEEN WIDOWERS AND WIDOWS.

Under 20, . . .	.	2	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
20 to 25, . . .	.	3	2	4	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
25 to 30, . . .	.	.	1	8	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
30 to 35, . . .	.	2	3	4	3	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
35 to 40, . . .	.	.	2	5	7	4	2	2	.	.	.	1	.	23
40 to 45, . . .	.	.	3	2	6	9	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	23
45 to 50, . . .	.	.	.	.	5	7	4	2	1	.	.	.	.	19
50 to 55, . . .	.	.	.	3	2	3	2	3	3	1	.	.	.	17
55 to 60, . . .	.	.	.	.	3	1	6	2	3	1	.	.	.	16
60 to 65, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	3	3	1	.	.	.	10
65 to 70, . . .	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	2	1	.	.	5
70 to 75, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
75 to 80, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Age of men not stat'd	1	39	.	40
Condition and age } of men not stated, }
Total,	7	12	27	29	30	19	12	11	5	2	40	.	194

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CONDITIONS AND AGES, &c.—*Continued.*

(5.) CONDITION OF PARTIES NOT STATED.

AGE OF THE MEN.	AGE OF THE WOMEN.													TOTAL OF MARRIAGES.		
	Under 20.	20 to 25.	25 to 30.	30 to 35.	35 to 40.	40 to 45.	45 to 50.	50 to 55.	55 to 60.	60 to 65.	65 to 70.	Age of women not stated.	Condition & age of men & women not stated.	To- TAL.		
															Men.	Women.
Under 20, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	2	56	738
20 to 25,	6	20	3	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	30	1389	1587
25 to 30,	3	18	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	.	34	1093	602
30 to 35,	1	6	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10	371	201
35 to 40, . . . . .	.	1	5	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7	175	117
40 to 45, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	115	92
45 to 50, . . . . .	.	.	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	85	43
50 to 55, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	48	23
55 to 60, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	31	18
60 to 65, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	29	6
65 to 70, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13	3
70 to 75, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14	.
75 to 80, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	.
Age of men not stated, . . . . .	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1419	1411
Condition and age of men & women not stated, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	463	463	.	.
Total,	10	46	20	1	5	1	2	.	.	.	.	6	463	554	4841	4841

NOTE.

These tables, in relation to marriage, are read as follows:—*First Table.* 443 men, between the ages of 20 and 25, were married to women under 20; 2 women, between 35 and 40, were married to men between 20 and 25; or 4 men between 35 and 40, were married to women under 20.—*Second Table.* 2 men, between 20 and 25, were married to widows between 40 and 45; or 1 man, between 25 and 30, to a widow, 65 to 70.—*Third Table.* 5 widowers, between 20 and 25, were married to women under 20, who had not before been married, and 1, between 55 and 60, to a woman under 20, &c. &c. The other tables in a similar manner.

TABLE III. 1. ABSTRACT OF THE RETURNS OF CAUSES OF DEATH,
for the year ending April 30, 1845.

DISEASE.	SEX.		AGE.													TIME OF DECEASE.										PLACE OF BIRTH.				Total.							
	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Under 1 year.	1 year to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	100 and upwards.	Unknown.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.		April.	Natives of the place where they died.	Natives of other places.	Foreigners.	Not stated.		
Abscess,	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	
Angina Pectoris,	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
Aneurism,	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
Apoplexy,	44	1	-	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	8	14	8	3	-	-	-	4	4	3	4	5	5	1	2	3	8	2	4	3	23	10	4	7	82	
Asthma,	3	38	-	1	1	1	2	1	4	4	4	8	7	7	4	-	-	-	-	2	4	3	4	2	2	1	5	3	5	4	3	20	12	2	4	-	
Anemia,	1	6	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	1	9	-	
Bowels, Inflammation of,	50	5	1	11	4	5	2	5	7	2	7	6	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	3	4	11	1	1	7	6	2	1	4	6	1	40	9	1	1	6	-
" Intussusception of,	4	55	-	12	6	4	2	3	7	6	3	4	1	4	2	-	-	1	1	1	5	2	7	2	6	5	6	2	7	5	5	25	14	4	12	106	
" Disease of,	84	1	-	51	12	6	1	2	3	4	1	3	2	1	-	-	-	2	2	3	12	28	17	8	5	1	3	2	5	2	71	10	-	7	5	-	
Brain, Inflammation of,	54	99	3	10	7	9	6	2	3	3	4	-	1	1	3	-	-	2	2	2	26	23	21	13	5	-	3	2	2	2	80	11	-	8	187		
" Disease of,	29	37	-	5	7	7	3	3	5	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	9	1	3	6	1	8	2	2	2	33	17	2	5	5	-		
" Disease of,	32	32	-	7	1	3	3	3	4	3	2	1	1	4	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	4	4	1	1	3	4	3	1	18	7	1	3	3	61		
Bones, Disease of,	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	6	-	3	1	-	

CAUSES OF DEATH—Continued.

DISEASE.	SEX.		AGE.													TIME OF DECEASE.												PLACE OF BIRTH.						
	Males.	Females.	Under 1 year.	1 year to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	100 and upwards.	Unknown.	TIME OF DECEASE.												PLACE OF BIRTH.				
																		May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Natives of the place where they died.	Natives of other places.	Foreigners.	Not stated.	Total.
Bronchitis,	4	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	7			
Burns,	16	3	1	5	9	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	1	3	1	2	3	1	-	-	15	2	-	-	-	33		
Carbuncle,	-	16	2	6	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	3	4	1	-	-	-	7	8	7	-	1	-	33		
Casualty,	70	1	3	6	3	6	14	13	3	7	2	5	2	1	4	-	9	5	4	3	9	10	8	6	1	7	5	3	25	17	11	17	1	
Catarh,	3	14	2	1	-	-	3	-	1	2	1	1	-	2	-	-	1	1	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	7	6	3	1	84	1	84		
Cancer,	32	2	1	-	-	-	1	1	3	8	15	4	6	7	-	1	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	4	12	16	4	-	5		
Chicken Pox,	2	67	1	1	-	-	3	2	8	15	11	14	8	2	3	-	2	4	5	4	5	6	8	7	7	5	8	31	17	2	17	99		
Childbirth,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-		
Cholera,	17	52	2	1	2	2	5	24	20	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	3	2	4	2	2	3	6	7	5	6	20	13	7	12	52		
Cholera Infantum,	58	27	3	2	1	1	3	4	3	1	2	1	4	-	-	1	1	1	2	10	2	1	1	1	1	-	11	3	1	3	-	3		
Chorea,	-	51	38	16	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	1	-	3	11	7	1	7	1	1	1	1	-	10	3	4	4	45			
	-	-	26	22	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	10	22	18	2	1	1	1	-	48	5	3	7	111			
	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	10	12	18	8	1	-	-	38	4	2	7	-	2		

Colic,	-	-	-	28	-	5	1	3	6	2	1	1	3	1	2	2	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1</
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Fever, Intermittent, -	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	
" Puerperal, -	-	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	-	-
" Remittent, -	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	19	12	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	1	-	-	
" Typhus, -	272	-	4	6	15	57	84	27	24	18	10	8	2	-	11	-	4	5	8	21	54	78	44	22	12	10	9	5	-	138	88	4	42	-	1	
" Yellow, -	5	243	2	1	8	13	63	76	21	17	13	11	5	-	3	-	4	6	9	27	41	59	32	23	19	7	12	4	-	118	85	3	37	515	-	
Fistula in Ano, -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	-	5	
Fracture, -	2	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	1		
Gastritis, -	6	5	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	1	-	-	2	1	1	-	2	-	
Gout, -	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	1	-	
Generation org., Dis. of, -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	
Gravel, -	8	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	1	-	-	-	

Heart, Disease of,	55	1	3	1	1	5	6	4	5	4	14	12	-	-	4	2	6	5	4	5	6	5	2	7	6	37	1	5	-
Hemorrhage, -	14	-	7	-	1	2	5	10	3	6	3	8	3	-	-	5	3	5	1	4	3	8	5	5	30	17	-	8	111
Hip Complaint, -	1	-	2	-	1	-	6	1	2	-	2	1	-	-	1	1	2	-	1	1	-	2	2	2	5	7	4	1	28
Hooping Cough,	37	2	20	9	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2
Hydrocephalus,	83	2	19	3	2	-	6	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	4	2	7	4	3	1	4	5	2	3	-	1	68
Infantile, -	207	71	27	20	15	1	8	2	1	1	1	2	2	-	3	11	5	7	8	6	7	14	4	8	10	19	-	6	189
Inflammation, -	172	33	27	26	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	16	13	25	39	27	21	18	21	17	21	23	221	33	450
Influenza,	3	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	2	6
Intemperance,	9	-	1	2	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	3	-	2	1	-	-	-	1	2	1	2	1	2	6	-	-	16
Insanity, -	22	-	2	-	-	-	2	6	3	4	4	2	-	-	1	4	2	3	1	-	3	1	1	3	1	6	3	8	23
Jaundice, -	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	2	1	2	1	2	4	1	-	2	12
Kidneys, Disease of,	8	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	2	2	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	1	3	5	1	3	2	-	2	12
Laryngitis,	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	2	-	2	1	-	1	5
Liver, Disease of,	27	-	1	1	-	1	2	1	4	5	8	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	5	-	-	-	5
Lungs, Disease of,	7	-	2	1	-	1	2	3	4	2	3	6	1	-	3	2	4	4	2	2	2	3	1	1	12	9	1	3	51
Malformation,	3	-	2	1	-	1	2	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	2	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	4	3	-	-	-	14
Marasmus,	9	1	1	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	3	-	-	1	4
Measles, -	24	-	5	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	4	5	2	1	3	1	1	-	1	7	-	6	44
Mortification, -	16	-	4	7	11	-	3	-	-	-	-	5	2	-	1	4	5	2	3	2	1	2	3	2	1	10	2	5	26

CAUSES OF DEATH—Continued.

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CAUSES OF DEATH—Continued.

DISEASE.	SEX.		AGE.													TIME OF DECEASE.										PLACE OF BIRTH.									
	Males.	Females.	Not stated.	Under 1 yr.	1 year to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	100 and upwards.	Unknown.											Natives of the place where they died.	Natives of other places.	Foreigners.	Not stated.	Total.		
Ulcers, -	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	10	
Unknown, -	260	5	36	69	16	28	16	11	10	16	17	20	11	19	5	-	58	-	28	14	22	31	39	30	16	18	23	25	18	32	142	23	5	126	-
Urinary Organs, } Disease of, }	2	286	-	36	6	14	17	19	34	30	9	19	19	32	5	-	36	-	14	16	22	30	26	43	11	26	27	19	23	114	38	3	121	572	
Worms, -	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	3
	-	6	-	1	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	3	2	2	-	-	2	10
Total—Males, -	4068	4466	181	1551	697	739	354	592	995	704	508	500	541	705	462	107	6254	571	507	715	936	952	845	653	677	687	696	767	709	5167	1901	209	1438	8715	
Females, -	4466	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not stated, -	181	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	8715	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE III. 2. CLASSIFICATION OF CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE SEVERAL COUNTIES,
for the year ending April 30, 1845.

	1. ZYMOTIC DISEASES; OR, EPIDEMIC, ENDEMIC, AND CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.	Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Berkshire.	Franklin.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.	Nantucket & Dukes.	To- tals.
1	Cholera,	6	12	7	2	3	.	3	5	3	2	2	.	45
2	Cholera Infantum,	24	50	14	1	5	.	1	5	4	5	1	1	111
3	Croup,	75	36	67	8	11	8	3	5	24	4	10	10	261
4	Diarrhoea,	3	4	.	.	.	.	4	.	.	2	4	7	24
5	Dysentery,	15	25	50	7	7	8	13	15	29	18	10	3	200
6	Erysipelas,	19	12	33	13	16	1	9	1	2	3	2	.	111
7	Fever Intermittent, . . . . .	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	3
8	Fever Remittent,	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	4	.	6
9	Fever Typhus,	125	139	146	19	45	59	34	77	45	28	28	27	772
10	Hooping Cough,	5	21	14	6	4	7	2	4	2	2	1	.	68
11	Influenza,	1	2	.	1	.	.	2	3	.	3	2	2	16
12	Measles,	17	14	2	.	5	.	.	.	4	.	1	1	44
13	Scarlatina,	82	58	107	13	20	41	10	28	67	78	34	.	538
14	Small Pox,	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	5
15	Syphilis, . . . . .	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	3
16	Thrush, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
	Totals,	374	376	440	72	116	124	77	149	182	145	102	51	2208
	2. DISEASES OF GENERAL OR UNCERTAIN SEAT.													
17	Abscess, . . . . .	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	3
18	Atrophy,	1	.	1	1	3	1	5	1	.	3	2	.	18
19	Cancer,	18	15	24	5	6	2	5	10	4	6	3	1	99
20	Debility,	2	.	2	3	.	.	5	.	2	.	.	1	15
21	Dropey,	70	.	44	15	17	.	12	18	.	.	.	5	181
22	Gout,	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	5
23	Hemorrhage,	4	4	2	2	2	5	.	2	3	1	3	.	28
24	Infantile Diseases,	70	100	85	10	16	15	7	58	59	17	13	.	450
25	Inflammation, . . . . .	.	.	.	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	1	.	6
26	Malformation,	1	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	4
27	Mortification,	7	4	7	.	1	1	1	2	2	1	.	.	26
28	Scrofula,	10	9	9	.	3	3	1	4	1	2	.	.	42
29	Sudden Deaths, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	Tumor,	2	.	2	1	.	.	2	2	3	.	.	.	12
	Totals,	187	135	178	38	51	27	40	97	76	31	22	7	689
	3. DISEASES OF THE NER- VOUS SYSTEM.													
31	Apoplexy,	20	13	15	3	5	.	5	4	3	11	1	2	82
32	Cephalitis,	13	21	14	.	12	5	5	.	10	3	10	1	94
33	Chorea, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	2

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE SEVERAL COUNTIES.—*Continued.*

3. DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM.— <i>Continued.</i>		Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Berkshire.	Franklin.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.	Nantucket & Dukes.	TOTALS.
34	Convulsions,	36	42	29	8	16	14	5	18	22	8	4	2	204
35	Delirium Tremens,	1	4	5	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
36	Epilepsy,	2	.	.	.	.	1	.	2	2	.	.	.	7
37	Hydrocephalus,	37	53	20	9	16	11	1	8	17	6	9	2	189
38	Insanity,	5	1	.	1	.	1	.	2	2	2	.	.	12
39	Paralysis,	39	9	25	5	.	7	3	8	4	4	10	3	117
40	Tetanus, . . . . .	.	1	1	.	.	1	.	.	2	2	.	.	5
41	Brain, &c., Disease of,	8	19	2	2	5	9	1	10	4	4	5	.	69
Totals,		161	163	111	29	56	50	20	53	62	40	39	10	794
4. DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY ORGANS.														
42	Asthma,	2	1	1	.	.	.	1	3	.	.	.	1	9
43	Bronchitis,	2	2	6	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	12
44	Consumption,	386	357	355	99	98	103	89	158	151	122	99	55	2072
45	Hydrothorax, . . . . .	.	33	.	2	.	9	.	.	.	3	2	.	49
46	Laryngitis,	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	1	1	.	5
47	Pleurisy, . . . . .	.	2	5	1	1	1	1	4	1	2	2	.	20
48	Pneumonia,	61	68	67	13	21	37	12	19	25	12	15	.	350
49	Quinsy,	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	8	.	11
50	Lungs, &c., Disease of, . . . . .	.	3	.	1	.	2	2	.	2	2	2	.	14
Totals,		453	466	434	116	121	152	106	187	180	141	130	56	2542
5. DISEASES OF THE ORGANS OF CIRCULATION.														
51	Aneurism,	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	3
52	Pericarditis, . . . . .	.	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	2	1	13
53	Heart, &c., Disease of,	30	23	19	3	6	7	3	6	5	9	4	5	120
Totals,		31	25	26	3	6	7	3	6	7	9	7	6	136
6. DISEASES OF THE DIGESTIVE ORGANS.														
54	Ascites, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55	Colic,	5	1	5	3	2	.	.	1	5	10	2	.	34
56	Dyspepsia, . . . . .	.	1	4	.	.	.	.	2	3	.	2	.	12
57	Enteritis,	21	20	22	16	12	14	16	8	9	1	4	2	145
58	Gastritis, . . . . .	.	4	.	.	1	3	.	1	.	2	.	.	11
59	Hernia, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
60	Intussusception, . . . . .	.	3	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	5
61	Peritonitis,	3	3	5	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	12
62	Teething,	7	10	3	1	.	1	.	2	1	.	2	4	31
63	Ulceration, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
64	Worms,	2	1	3	.	2	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	10

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE SEVERAL COUNTIES.—*Continued.*

6. DISEASES OF THE DIGESTIVE ORGANS.— <i>Continued.</i>		Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Berkshire.	Franklin.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.	Nantucket & Dukes.	TOTALS.
65	Organs, &c., Disease of, . . .	24	51	72	1	3	1	6	12	13	8	3	.	194
66	Pancreas, Disease of, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
67	Hepatitis, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
68	Jaundice, . . .	4	1	1	.	2	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	12
69	Liver, Disease of, . . .	8	5	9	3	5	2	1	2	8	6	1	1	51
70	Spleen, Disease of, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Totals, . . .		74	100	124	24	28	24	23	30	41	28	14	7	517
7. DISEASES OF THE URINARY ORGANS.														
71	Diabetes, . . .	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	7
72	Cystitis, . . .	.	.	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	1	1	.	5
73	Gravel, . . .	.	2	2	.	1	2	.	1	.	1	.	.	9
74	Nephritis, . . .	1	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
75	Kidneys, &c., Disease of, . . .	1	4	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	8
Totals, . . .		4	7	8	1	2	4	.	1	1	2	2	.	32
8. DISEASES OF THE ORGANS OF GENERATION.														
76	Childbirth, . . .	6	13	8	4	2	7	1	.	4	2	1	4	52
77	Puerperal Fever, . . .	5	6	.	3	6	5	8	2	.	.	.	.	35
78	Paramenia, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
79	Organs, &c., Disease of, . . .	.	1	3	.	.	.	1	1	.	1	1	.	8
Totals, . . .		11	20	11	7	8	12	10	3	4	3	2	4	95
9. DISEASES OF THE ORGANS OF LOCOMOTION.														
80	Rheumatism, . . .	4	3	2	1	2	1	1	.	.	2	1	.	17
81	Joints, &c., Disease of, . . .	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
82	Hip, Disease of, . . .	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	2
83	Spine, Disease of, . . .	2	7	.	1	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	14
Totals, . . .		7	11	2	2	4	2	1	2	.	2	1	.	34
10. DISEASES OF THE INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM.														
84	Fistula, . . .	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
85	Ulcers, . . .	1	2	.	1	3	3	.	.	10
86	Purpura, . . .	2	2	4
87	Skin, &c., Disease of, . . .	1	1	2
Totals, . . .		4	3	1	.	.	2	.	1	3	3	.	.	17

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		Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Herkshire.	Franklin.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.	Nantucket & Dukes.	TOTALS.
88	11. OF OLD AGE, . . .	65	78	78	22	33	39	18	42	43	48	25	13	504
	12. OF EXTERNAL CAUSES.													
89	Burns and Scalds, . . .	4	3	4	2	5	.	3	4	2	2	3	1	33
90	Casualties,	9	18	16	7	10	8	4	4	3	2	2	1	84
92	Drowned,	27	17	8	2	2	9	2	0	2	8	31	2	114
94	Fractures, . . . . .	.	.	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	3
99	Intemperance,	5	3	6	2	.	.	1	3	3	.	.	.	23
103	Poisoned, . . . . .	.	4	.	.	.	1	.	.	4	1	.	.	10
105	Suffocation, . . . . .	.	3	.	.	1	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	6
106	Suicide,	4	4	7	2	2	1	2	1	3	1	2	.	29
	Totals,	49	52	43	15	20	19	13	21	19	9	38	4	302
108	13. CAUSES NOT SPECIFIED,	69	56	66	66	62	19	17	48	97	22	26	24	572
109	14. STILLBORN,	15	14	5	.	2	7	3	17	4	1	.	5	73
	Totals,	1504	1506	1527	509	395	488	331	657	719	484	408	187	8715

NOTES TO THE ABSTRACTS OF DISEASES.

It has been considered desirable to institute, as far as we can from the returns, a comparison of the prevalence of particular diseases, in the same districts, for different years. Boston having made no returns of deaths for the last two years specified, it would give a very inaccurate view of the subject to include the returns for that city in the first two, especially as one of these does not cover the same period as the other returns. The County of Suffolk is therefore excluded in the several abstracts of deaths.

In the Tables for 1845, the Alphabetical Abstract contains the names of the diseases, generally, as they appear in the returns. In the Classified Abstract, they are arranged after the plan of the Registrar General of Births, Marriages and Deaths in England, with some alterations, which circumstances in this country seemed to dictate. They are numbered for the purpose of convenient reference, and each class is arranged alphabetically. The numbers in parentheses in the following notes are references to the heads, under which diseases are arranged in the Classified Abstract. Those who may wish for a more particular sub-division of the diseases for 1845, or the age or month of the year in which they occurred, may consult the Alphabetical Abstract.

NOTES.—1845.

Zimotic Diseases. Under Cholera (1) are included 39 cases of Cholera Morbus. Under Fever Remittent (8) are included 7 cases of Yellow Fever. Under Fever Typhus (9) are included 245 cases of Fever, 7 of Typhoid, and 3 of Congestive. Under Scarlatina (13) are included 161 cases of Canker, 1 of Disease of the Throat, and 5 of Throat Distemper. Under Small Pox (14) are included 2 cases of Chicken Pox, and 1 of Varioloid.

Diseases of Uncertain or General Seat. Under Hemorrhage (23) are included 7 cases of Hemoptysis, 5 of Hematemesis, 4 of Rupture, and 1 of Epistaxis. Under Malformation (26) is included 1 case of Anus Imperforatus. Under Scrofula (28) are included 2 cases of Rachites. Under Brain, &c., Disease of (41) are included 7 cases of Neuralgia, 4 of Congestion, 2 of Concussion, and 1 of Tic Dolozeux.

Diseases of the Respiratory Organs. Under Bronchitis (43) are included 5 cases of Catarrh. Under Pneumonia (48) are included 256 cases of Lung Fever. Under Lungs, &c., Disease of (50) are included 2 Congestion of the Lungs.

Diseases of the Organs of Circulation. Under Heart, &c., Disease of (53) are included 4 cases of Anemia, and 3 of Angina Pectoris.

Diseases of the Digestive Organs. Under Colic (55) are included 24 cases of Constipation of the Bowels. Under Enteritis (57) are included 89 cases of Inflammation of the Bowels, and 29 of Bilious Fever. Under Organs, &c., Disease of (65) are included 187 cases of Disease of the Bowels, 2 of Disease of the Stomach, and 4 of Disease of the Tongue.

Diseases of the Urinary Organs. Under Kidneys, &c., Disease of (75) are included 1 case of Fistula of the Urethra, and 1 of Disease of the Kidneys.

Diseases of the Organs of Generation. Under Organs, &c., Disease of (79) are included 5 cases of Strangury, 2 of Disease of Ovaries, and 1 of Disease of the Prostate Gland.

Disease of the Organs of Locomotion. Under Joints, &c., Disease of (81) is included 1 case of Disease of the Bones.

Diseases of the Integumentary System. Under Purpura (86) are included 3 cases of Scurvy. Under Skin, &c., Disease of (87) are included 1 case of Psoriasis, and 1 of Carbuncle.

TABLE III. 3. ABSTRACT OF RETURNS OF CAUSES OF DEATHS
in the four years 1842, 1843, 1844, and 1845.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	To 10,000 DEATHS BY ALL SPECIFIED CAUSES, THERE WERE IN			
					1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.
All Causes,	7496	8305	8250	8715				
Specified Causes,	6149	7177	7076	8070	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
1 Zimotic Diseases; or, Epidemic, En- demic, and Contagious Diseases.	1626	1854	1627	2208	2644	2583	2299	2736
SPORADIC DISEASES.								
2 Of Uncertain or General Seat,	458	892	1150	889	745	1243	1625	1102
3 Of the Nervous System,	548	676	631	794	891	942	892	984
4 Of the Respiratory Organs,	1959	2047	2036	2542	3186	2852	2878	3150
5 Of the Organs of Circulation,	119	123	141	136	194	171	199	168
6 Of the Digestive Organs,	257	537	433	517	418	748	612	641
7 Of the Urinary Organs,	24	32	32	32	39	45	45	40
8 Of the Organs of Generation,	81	119	68	95	132	166	96	118
9 Of the Organs of Locomotion,	42	39	34	34	68	54	48	42
10 Of the Integumentary System,	9	14	12	17	15	20	17	21
11 Of Old Age,	652	573	631	504	1060	798	892	624
12 Of External Causes,	374	271	281	302	608	378	397	374
Totals,	6149	7177	7076	8070	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
1								
1 Cholera,	20	28	28	45	33	39	40	56
2 Cholera Infantum,	98	92	87	111	159	128	123	138
3 Croup,	129	115	122	261	210	160	172	323
4 Diarrhoea,	27	25	30	24	44	35	42	30
5 Dysentery,	213	274	120	200	346	382	170	248
6 Erysipelas,	31	128	104	111	50	178	147	137
7 Fever Intermittent, . . . . .	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	4
8 Fever Remittent, . . . . .	.	.	2	6	.	.	3	7
9 Fever Typhus,	541	515	634	772	880	718	896	957
10 Hooping Cough,	43	61	60	68	70	85	85	84
11 Influenza,	29	8	68	16	47	11	90	20
12 Measles,	86	30	32	44	140	42	45	54
13 Scarlatina,	396	561	328	538	644	781	463	667
14 Small Pox,	13	12	11	5	21	17	16	6
15 Syphilis, . . . . .	.	1	.	3	.	1	.	4
16 Thrush, . . . . .	.	4	1	1	.	6	1	1
Totals,	1626	1854	1627	2208	2644	2583	2299	2736
2								
17 Abscess,	12	9	9	3	20	12	13	4
18 Atrophy, . . . . .	.	45	50	18	.	64	71	22
19 Cancer,	85	83	94	90	138	116	133	122
20 Debility,	24	20	25	15	39	28	35	19
21 Dropsy,	144	170	163	181	234	237	230	224

CAUSES OF DEATHS.—*Continued.*

CAUSES OF DEATH.					To 10,000 DEATHS BY ALL SPECIFIED CAUSES, THERE WERE IN			
					1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.
22	Gout,	1	2	5	2	3	6	
23	Hemorrhage,	29	26	28	47	28	35	
24	Infantile Diseases,	88	408	663	143	937	558	
25	Inflammation,	1	21	35	2	49	7	
26	Malformation,	8	5	4	13	6	5	
27	Mortification,	21	33	25	34	35	32	
28	Scrofula,	23	31	27	37	38	52	
29	Sudden Deaths,	5	28	27	8	39	38	
30	Tumor,	17	13	6	28	18	15	
	Totals,	458	892	1150	745	1243	1625	1102
	3							
31	Apoplexy,	84	101	82	137	141	101	
32	Cephalitis,	69	93	92	112	130	116	
33	Chorea,	2	3	2	3	4	3	
34	Convulsions,	121	157	130	197	184	254	
35	Delirium Tremens,	10	12	13	16	22	16	
36	Epilepsy,	112	129	129	182	179	9	
37	Hydrocephalus,	23	18	10	38	25	15	
38	Insanity,	112	134	111	182	187	145	
39	Paralysis,	7	2	3	11	3	6	
40	Tetanus,	8	30	56	13	41	85	
41	Brain, &c., Disease of,	548	676	631	891	942	984	
	Totals,	548	676	631	891	942	892	984
	4							
42	Asthma,	6	7	4	10	6	11	
43	Bronchitis,	21	16	15	34	21	15	
44	Consumption,	1530	1607	1634	2488	2309	2567	
45	Hydrothorax,	28	28	16	45	23	61	
46	Laryngitis,	1	2	2	2	3	6	
47	Pleurisy,	36	34	25	59	36	25	
48	Pnenmonia,	331	348	337	538	476	434	
49	Quincy,	3	5	3	5	4	14	
50	Lungs, &c., Disease of,	3	14	5	5	17	17	
	Totals,	1959	2047	2036	3186	2852	2878	3150
	5							
51	Aneurism,	1	2	3	2	3	4	
52	Pericarditis,	1	13	1	1	16	16	
53	Heart, &c., Disease of,	118	122	139	192	196	148	
	Totals,	119	123	141	194	171	199	168
	6							
54	Ascites,	22	28	15	36	21	42	
55	Colic,	3	14	6	5	8	15	
56	Dyspepsia,	82	189	116	133	165	179	
57	Enteritis,	82	189	116	133	165	179	

CAUSES OF DEATHS.—*Continued.*

	CAUSES OF DEATH.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	To 10,000 DEATHS BY ALL SPECIFIED CAUSES THERE WERE IN			
						1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.
58	Gastritis,	7	16	16	11	11	22	22	13
59	Hernia,	9	15	19	.	14	21	28	.
60	Intussusception,	14	20	17	5	23	28	24	6
61	Peritonitis,	12	14	16	12	20	20	23	15
62	Teething, . . . . .	.	25	24	31	.	35	34	38
63	Ulceration,	13	32	23	.	21	45	32	.
64	Worms,	3	5	4	10	5	7	6	12
65	Organs, &c., Disease of,	32	131	139	194	52	182	196	243
66	Pancreas, Disease of, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
67	Hepatitis,	27	3	4	.	44	4	6	.
68	Jaundice,	12	16	7	12	20	22	10	15
69	Liver, Disease of,	20	29	27	51	32	40	37	63
70	Spleen, Disease of,	1	.	.	.	2	.	.	.
	Totals,	257	537	433	517	418	748	612	641
	7								
71	Diabetes,	3	9	7	7	5	13	10	9
72	Cystitis,	3	6	5	5	5	9	7	16
73	Gravel,	12	11	11	9	19	15	15	11
74	Nephritis,	6	6	9	3	10	8	13	4
75	Kidneys, &c., Disease of, . . . . .	.	.	.	8	.	.	.	10
	Totals,	24	32	32	32	30	45	45	40
	8								
76	Childbirth,	45	55	30	52	73	77	42	65
77	Puerperal Fever,	28	52	33	35	46	73	47	43
78	Paramenia,	1	1	1	.	2	1	1	.
79	Organs, &c., Disease of,	7	11	4	8	11	15	6	10
	Totals,	81	119	68	95	132	166	96	118
	9								
80	Rheumatism,	16	20	14	17	26	28	20	21
81	Joints, &c., Disease of, . . . . .	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
82	Hip, Disease of,	2	4	1	2	3	6	1	3
83	Spine, Disease of,	24	15	19	14	39	20	27	17
	Totals,	42	39	34	34	68	54	48	42
	10								
84	Fistula,	1	.	.	1	2	.	.	1
85	Ulcers,	1	8	8	10	2	11	12	12
86	Purpura,	5	6	3	4	8	9	4	5
87	Skin, &c., Disease of,	2	.	1	2	3	.	1	3
	Totals,	9	14	12	17	15	20	17	21
	11								
88	Old Age,—Totals,	652	573	631	504	1060	798	892	624

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CAUSES OF DEATHS.—*Continued.*

	CAUSES OF DEATH.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	To 10,000 DEATHS BY ALL SPECIFIED CAUSES, THERE WERE IN			
						1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.
	12								
89	Burns and Scalds,	31	28	22	33	50	39	31	41
90	Casualties,	69	91	81	84	112	127	115	104
91	Drinking Cold Water,								
92	Drowned,	152	64	88	114	247	89	124	141
93	Executed,								
94	Fractures,		4	5	3		6	7	4
95	Frozen,		1	1			1	1	
96	Glanders,								
97	Hydrophobia,								
98	Homicide,	3	5	5		5	7	7	
99	Intemperance,	76	47	40	23	124	66	57	29
100	Lightning,								
101	Malpractice,	1	1	1		2	1	1	
102	Necusia,								
103	Poisoned,	5	2	6	10	8	3	9	12
104	Starvation,								
105	Suffocation,				6				7
106	Suicide,	37	28	32	29	60	39	45	36
107	Wounds,								
	Totals,	374	271	281	302	608	378	397	374
	13								
108	Causes not specified,	1347	1128	1174	572	2191	1572	1658	709
	14								
109	Stillborn,	42	38	49	73	68	53	69	90

NOTE.

The number of the *stillborn*, in 1845, is stated above to be 73, while in the table on the opposite page it is 102. The cause of this disagreement is that the first number (73) was abstracted from the returns of the deaths; and the second (102) from the returns of the births. The stillborn should always be fully reported, both among the births and deaths; but, having never lived as separate, independent persons, they should be excluded in numbering the deaths. This has been done in all the calculations in these tables. The previous page (55) was printed by mistake with 8715, as the number of deaths from all causes, when it should have been 8642, the number after excluding the 73 stillborn. A deduction of 572 for causes not specified, leaves 8070, as the number of deaths for specified causes, and this was the basis of the calculations.

TABLE III. 4. STILLBORN CASES.

MONTH.	SEX.	COUNTIES.												TOTAL.	
		Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Franklin.	Berkshire.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.	Dukes.		Nantucket.
May,	Male,	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	1	.	6
	Female,	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Not stated,	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
June,	Male,	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	3
	Female,	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Not stated,	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
July,	Male,	1	1	.	.	.	3	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	7
	Female,	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Not stated,	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
August,	Male,	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	.	1	.	.	5
	Female,	.	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
September,	Male,	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	2
	Female,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
	Not stated,	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
October,	Male,	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	3
	Female,	.	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
	Not stated,	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
November,	Male,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Female,	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	1	.	.	3
December,	Male,	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Female,	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
January,	Male,	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	2
	Female,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Not stated,	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
February,	Male,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Female,	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	4
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
March,	Male,	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
	Female,	.	2	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	4
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
April,	Male,	.	.	2	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	1	.	5
	Female,	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
	Not stated,	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Total,	Male,	5	4	6	.	.	4	4	7	4	.	1	4	.	39
	Female,	.	9	8	.	1	1	.	2	.	1	1	.	.	23
	Not stated,	4	8	1	.	1	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	16
Month not stated,	Male,	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
	Female,	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
	Not stated,	5	.	1	2	.	.	2	7	.	3	.	.	.	20
Grand total,	.	14	21	20	2	2	5	6	17	4	5	2	4	.	102

TABLE IV. FACTS ILLUSTRATING THE INFLUENCE OF OCCUPATION ON LONGEVITY,

Showing the number, and the aggregate and average ages of individuals differently employed, abstracted from the returns.

[NOTE. In 1845, no person under 20 years of age is included in this abstract. It is supposed that occupations have no particular influence before that time.]

OCCUPATIONS.	1842.		1843.		1844.			1845.		
	Number.	Average age.	Number.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.
Clergymen,	14	55	22	55	18	935	51.96	11	555	50.00
Lawyers,	12	56	5	53	7	311	44.92	7	346	49.42
Physicians,	7	61	25	57	27	1464	54.25	20	1132	56.60
Professors, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	2	75	37.50	.	.	.
Scholars,	12	30	7	24	14	291	20.79	3	70	23.33
Teachers,	9	38	16	37	14	473	33.78	21	626	29.85
Total,	54	.	75	.	82	3549	43.28	62	2724	43.93
Booksellers, . . . . .	.	.	1	25	2	63	31.50	1	26	26.00
Gentlemen,	5	47	7	58	12	925	77.14	9	613	68.11
Merchants,	39	50	41	49	59	3019	51.17	46	2304	50.08
Traders,	34	45	44	56	2	49	24.50	34	1460	42.94
Total,	78	.	93	.	75	4056	54.08	90	4403	48.92
Farmers,	660	66	706	66	663	42,447	64.02	645	39,869	61.64
Clerks,	26	38	13	31	11	270	24.54	11	402	36.54
Public Officers,	2	50	9	54	8	461	57.63	6	338	56.33
Engineers,	3	35	.	.	.	.	.	2	63	31.50
Innkeepers,	8	51	5	31	6	286	47.79	8	393	49.12
Stage Drivers,	2	45	1	25	.	.	.	4	147	36.75
Drover, . . . . .	.	.	1	55	.	.	.	1	20	20.00
Wharfinger, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	181	60.33
Total,	41	.	29	.	25	1017	40.68	35	1544	44.11
Bakers,	9	42	5	53	6	343	57.19	4	191	47.75
Barbers, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	4	236	59.03	1	24	24.00
Basket-maker, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	1	69	69.05	.	.	.
Blacksmiths,	34	57	35	59	31	1550	50.00	45	2346	52.13
Block-makers, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	131	65.50
Bookbinders, . . . . .	.	.	4	31	.	.	.	1	29	29.00
Brush-makers, . . . . .	.	.	1	25	.	.	.	1	39	39.00
Butchers,	6	39	3	62	5	225	45.08	6	320	53.33
Cabinet-makers,	14	38	7	41	11	499	45.54	13	642	49.38
Card-makers, . . . . .	.	.	3	65	1	53	53.00	1	31	31.00
Carpenters,	95	62	99	48	76	3908	51.42	79	4129	52.26
Caulkers and Gravers, . . . . .	.	.	3	58	1	62	62.00	2	145	72.50
Chair-makers, . . . . .	.	.	1	75	3	122	40.66	.	.	.

INFLUENCE OF OCCUPATION, &c.—Continued

OCCUPATIONS.	1842.		1843.		1844.			1845.		
	Number.	Average age.	Number.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.
Cigar-makers, . . . . .	.	.	1	35	4	136	34.00	2	60	30.00
Clock-makers, . . . . .	.	.	5	49	1	46	46.00	.	.	.
Clothiers, . . . . .	.	.	1	45	2	143	71.50	.	.	.
Comb-makers, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	3	161	53.66	.	.	.
Confectioners, . . . . .	.	.	2	55	.	.	.	1	51	51.00
Coopers,	9	52	18	59	14	705	50.39	13	843	64.76
Carriers,	12	50	12	51	4	223	55.77	2	54	27.00
Cutlers, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	1	24	24.00	2	111	55.50
Distiller, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	51	51.00
Furnace men, . . . . .	.	.	1	25	4	158	39.71	1	32	32.00
Gas-preparer, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	1	25	25.00	.	.	.
Grave-digger, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	1	61	61.00	.	.	.
Gunsmith, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	1	30	30.00	.	.	.
Harness-makers,	3	61	4	27	2	114	57.00	7	340	48.57
Hatters,	5	67	4	40	5	255	51.11	5	348	69.60
Jewellers, . . . . .	.	.	2	25	3	92	30.66	5	240	48.00
Last-makers, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	2	68	34.00	.	.	.
Leather-dressers, . . . . .	.	.	2	50	8	395	49.47	.	.	.
Machinists,	14	46	8	46	6	170	28.37	13	437	33.61
Manufacturers,	26	35	2	50	4	149	37.28	31	1333	43.00
Masons,	20	41	21	54	14	603	43.10	21	1182	56.28
Mast-maker, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	1	75	75.00	.	.	.
Mechanics,	29	46	28	43	16	722	45.17	9	406	45.11
Millers,	4	47	10	51	4	240	60.00	5	242	48.40
Millwrights, . . . . .	.	.	2	65	1	26	26.00	.	.	.
Nailers, . . . . .	.	.	1	55	2	37	18.70	4	153	38.24
Oil manufacturer, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	1	43	43.00	.	.	.
Operatives, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	9	266	38.41	.	.	.
Painters,	12	41	8	42	21	869	41.40	10	411	41.10
Paper-makers,	3	41	1	35	4	177	44.25	3	124	41.33
Pianoforte-maker, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	24	24.00
Pocketbook-maker, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	69	69.00
Printers,	5	37	5	31	4	207	51.75	4	118	29.50
Pump-makers, . . . . .	.	.	1	35	1	48	48.00	.	.	.
Razor-strop-maker, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	1	47	47.00	.	.	.
Riggers, . . . . .	.	.	1	65	.	.	.	1	53	53.00
Rope-makers, . . . . .	.	.	7	56	4	156	39.18	2	90	45.00
Sail-makers,	3	45	2	60	2	140	70.00	.	.	.
Salt manufacturers, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	2	109	54.89	.	.	.
Shipwrights,	2	70	19	66	10	648	64.85	5	290	58.00
Shoe-makers,	104	46	113	48	110	4395	39.95	134	5596	41.76
Stablers,	5	27	4	33	3	83	27.66	3	158	39.50
Stone-cutters,	8	49	5	45	6	390	65.00	10	416	41.61
Tailors,	10	54	10	47	12	534	46.56	12	600	50.00
Tallow-chandlers, . . . . .	.	.	4	65	1	53	53.00	.	.	.
Telescope-maker, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	1	25	25.00	.	.	.
Tin-men,	3	25	2	21	1	19	19.00	.	.	.
Victuallers,	5	51	3	68	2	104	52.47	3	140	46.66
Wheelwrights,	12	56	11	56	12	515	42.75	6	192	32.00
Wood-turners,	1	45	1	34	34.00	1	56	56.00

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OCCUPATIONS.	1842.		1843.		1844.			1845.		
	Number.	Average age.	Number.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.
Wool-dyers, . . . . .	.	.	1	35	1	42	49.00	1	55	55.00
Wool-sorters, . . . . .	.	.	1	45	.	.	.	2	96	48.00
Total,	452	.	484	.	452	20,629	45.63	477	22,398	46.96
Male Domestics, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	20	1129	56.47	.	.	.
Laborers,	193	49	171	51	158	8034	50.85	208	10,358	49.79
Teamsters,	2	45	8	41	4	153	38.41	11	332	30.18
Total,	195	.	179	.	182	9316	51.18	219	10,690	48.81
Fish-dealer, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	1	68	68.00	.	.	.
Fishermen,	13	49	8	44	13	528	40.66	14	580	41.42
Freighters, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	3	117	39.16	.	.	.
Pilots,	3	55	.	.	1	74	74.00	.	.	.
Seamen,	176	39	199	43	129	4746	37.02	131	5626	42.94
Ship-masters, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	11	693	63.06	.	.	.
Shoremen, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	4	274	68.70	.	.	.
Total,	192	.	207	.	162	6500	40.12	145	6206	42.80
Paupers,	15	56	32	71	31	2270	73.25	5	408	81.60
Insane, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	4	212	53.00	.	.	.
Total,	15	.	32	.	35	2482	70.91	5	408	81.60
FEMALES.										
Domestics, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8	466	55.75
Dress-makers, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	3	77	25.66	11	338	30.72
Housekeepers, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	179	8888	49.61
Ladies, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	212	70.66
Milliners, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	3	111	37.00	2	53	26.50
Nurses, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	1	61	61.00	2	106	53.00
Operatives, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27	779	21.44
Seamstresses, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9	464	44.88
Shoe-binders, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	2	59	29.50	3	115	38.33
Straw-braiders, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	2	48	24.12	4	140	35.50
Tailoresses, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	7	288	41.23	16	654	40.67
Washerwoman, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	1	80	80.00	.	.	.
Total, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	19	724	38.36	264	12,215	46.32

RECAPITULATION.

OCCUPATIONS.	1842.	1843.	1844.			1845.		
	Number.	Number.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.
Professional men, . . .	54	75	82	3,549	43.28	62	2,724	43.93
Merchants,	78	93	75	4,056	54.08	90	4,403	48.92
Agriculturists,	660	706	663	42,447	64.02	645	39,869	61.81
Public Officers,	41	29	25	1,017	40.68	35	1,544	44.11
Mechanics,	452	484	452	20,629	45.63	477	22,398	46.96
Laborers,	195	179	182	9,316	51.18	219	10,690	48.81
Seamen,	192	207	162	6,500	40.12	145	6,206	42.80
Paupers,	15	32	35	2,482	70.91	5	408	81.60
Females, . . . . .	.	.	19	729	38.36	264	12,215	46.32
Total and averages, . .	1687	1805	1695	90,725	53.54	1942	100,457	51.72

**TABLE V. FACTS ILLUSTRATING THE INFLUENCE OF DOMESTIC
CONDITION ON LONGEVITY,**

*Showing, for each County, the number and aggregate age of all in the
Returns over 20 years old, whose condition is specified.*

COUNTIES.	MALES.						FEMALES.					
	UNMARRIED.		MARRIED.		WIDOWERS.		UNMARRIED.		MARRIED.		WIDOWS.	
	Number.	Aggregate age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Number.	Aggregate age.
Berkshire, .	12	469	63	3198	8	597	29	850	62	2572	30	2224
Franklin, .	10	248	56	2781	10	761	22	743	62	2640	20	1546
Hampshire, .	27	829	42	2164	11	766	16	634	67	2939	33	2515
Hampden, .	22	658	72	3906	6	425	17	560	62	2771	30	2107
Worcester, .	63	2210	177	9577	33	2388	70	3001	107	8791	118	8168
Middlesex, .	57	1939	171	8899	22	1352	131	10,285	179	7565	69	6600
Essex, .	47	1697	159	7810	23	1714	63	2945	153	6929	142	10,342
Norfolk, .	26	890	63	3358	12	884	14	730	59	2616	35	2515
Plymouth, .	21	1014	63	3770	14	1099	24	1335	68	3428	29	2172
Bristol, .	32	1378	84	4670	15	1119	27	1302	84	3403	50	3550
Barnstable, .	17	491	49	2512	7	484	11	461	45	1877	31	2270
Dukes & Nant.	10	326	17	968	1	82	9	546	15	803	19	1325
Total, .	344	12,149	1016	53,613	162	11,671	424	23,392	963	46,334	606	45,384
Average age, .	35.29		52.76		72.04		55.16		48.11		74.88	

A P P E N D I X .

LETTER TO THE SECRETARY

FROM

LEMUEL SHATTUCK, ESQ.

Boston, December 12, 1845.

HON. JOHN G. PALFREY,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Sir:—Agreeably to your request, and as far as other special engagements would permit, I have examined the returns made under the Registry Law of this State, and the tables abstracted from them, and proceed to give you the results of this examination. I had the honor, on the 13th December, 1843, to address a letter to John A. Bolles, Esq., your predecessor in office, in which I alluded to the defects of the then existing laws on the subject, and the almost entire neglect of registration by all classes of people. I pointed out some of the objects to be gained by a new and more efficient system; and at the close of the letter submitted a plan, accompanied by forms and instructions, for carrying such a system into successful operation. This communication was published in the Second Annual Registration Report. Since that time, a new act on the subject has been passed, and my plan, in relation to the Registry Books for the towns, has been generally carried into operation. With a slight modification of the entries in the Register for marriages, which the Registrar may easily make, these books are all that may be desired for the most efficient system. Without a proper and uniform plan for making the original records, no general results can be deduced from the facts they contain, which would be of much value. Here then one of the first and most important objects in this matter has been attained. In the notes accompanying the returns this year, some town clerks allude to the additional labor which these forms require, but generally the plan is regarded with increasing favor, and a firmer conviction of its importance; and should proper blanks be used, and a suitable compensation be allowed, the labor would be comparatively trifling, and the system would soon become very popular.

The law is, however, very imperfect in the means it proposes for obtaining the facts to be recorded; and for this reason it has failed to be useful in many towns.

This is an important part of its operations. I stated, in my letter of 1843, above alluded to, that "the experience of every government, where systems of registration have been adopted, shows that it must be made the special duty of some individuals to collect the facts, and furnish them to the proper officer. To leave this to the voluntary action of any one in the community, fails of producing those full and accurate returns, which are essential to render the record valuable. It is also bad policy to exact a fee of the connexions or friends of those whose births or deaths are recorded, as was once the provision of our statutes. So far as they are concerned the record should be free. But to the proper officers and persons concerned, rewards should be offered for the performance of duty, and penalties imposed for the neglect of it. In this way it will be made their interest, as well as their duty, to perform what the law may require."

The justice of these views is confirmed by experience, and the uniform testimony of the town clerks in the notes accompanying their returns. Should attempts be made to amend the provisions of the present law, it is important that proper ones should be passed to supply their place. It is believed that such a bill might be drawn, as would entirely remove any objections which may exist in the minds of clergymen and others, against any part of the present act; and, while it would be simple in its operations, would accomplish all the objects to be desired, especially if carried into effect with competent attention and ability.

Without further remark, I proceed to notice some results, obtained from the returns under our Registry System. Before doing so, however, I wish to notice a few facts relating to the condition of the population.

In 1844, Edwin Chadwick, Esq., author of the able Report on the Sanatory Condition of England, published a work on the "Pressure and Progress of the Causes of Mortality among different Classes of the Community," in which he alludes to America as follows:—

"In America, little attention and labor appear to have been bestowed in any of the rural districts on general land drainage. Yet nature inflicts terrible punishment for the neglect of the appointed and visible warnings. The cleansing and the general sanatory condition of the American towns appear to be lower than in England or Scotland, whilst the heat there at times is greater and decomposition more active; pestilence, in the shape of yellow fever, ague, and influenza, is there more rife; the deaths in proportion to the population more numerous, and the average age of death (so far as there is information) amongst the resident population much lower.

	Years.	Months.
The average age of the whole of the living population in America, so far as can be deduced from the returns at the periods given in the census, is only	22	2

"Notwithstanding the earlier marriages, and the extent of emigration, and the general increase of the population, the whole circumstances appear to me to prove this to be the case of a population depressed to this low age, chiefly by the greater proportionate pressure of the causes of disease and premature mortality. The proportionate numbers at each interval of age, in every 10,000 of the two populations, are as follows:—

United States of America. England and Wales.

Under 5 years	1744	1324
5 and under 10	1417	1197
10 " 15	1210	1089
15 " 20	1091	997
20 " 30	1816	1780
30 " 40	1160	1289
40 " 50	732	959
50 " 60	436	645
60 " 70	245	440
70 " 80	113	216
80 " 90	32	59
90 and upwards	4	5
	<hr/> 10,000	<hr/> 10,000

Average age of all the living 22 years 2 months 26 years 7 months.

"Here it may be observed, that whilst in England there are 5025 persons between 15 and 50, who have 3610 children or persons under 15; in America there are 4789 persons living between 15 and 50 years of age, who have 4371 children dependent upon them. In England there are in every ten thousand persons 1365 who have obtained above 50 years' experience; in America there are only 830.

"The moral consequences of the predominance of the young and passionate in the American community, are attested by observers to be such as have already been described in the General Sanatory Report as characteristic of those crowded, filthy, and badly administered districts in England, where the average duration of life is short, the proportion of the very young great, and the adult generation transient.

"The difference does not arise solely from the greater proportion of children arising from a greater increase of population, though that is to some extent consistent with what has been proved to be the effect of a severe general mortality; the effects of the common cause of depression is observable at each interval of age; the adult population in America is younger than in England, and if the causes of early death were to remain the same, it may be confidently predicted that the American population would remain young for centuries.

	Years.	Months.
The average age of all alive above 15 in America is	33	6
The average age of all alive above 15 years in England and Wales is	37	5
The average age of all above 20 years in America is	37	7
In the whole of England the average of all above 20 years is	41	1 "

These are important statements; and, coming from a man so eminent for the ability and knowledge he has displayed on this subject, deserve serious consideration. The prevailing opinion among us is, that "no people in the world are more healthy than Americans." But if the above statements are true, this prevailing opinion is incorrect. Let us examine the subject by such aids as we have at command, to ascertain how far they are applicable, especially to the people of Massachusetts. We will first take a view of the facts obtained by the National Census of 1830 and 1840; and afterwards of those obtained under the Registry

Law, concerning births, marriages, and deaths. The census of 1840 contained many errors, but when compared with that of 1830, the results correspond so well that it may be taken as a near approximation to the truth. It is much to be desired, that measures should be devised, when the next State census shall be taken, to have it more full and accurate than any hitherto taken; and to obtain other particulars concerning our population, which are important to be known.

In presenting facts of this kind, to give the mere numbers without the proportions, affords but an imperfect view of the subject. Such a collection of facts may be likened to the bones of our bodily system without the accompaniments which give them vitality. I have, therefore, in most of the tables in this communication, calculated these proportions,—a work which has been attended with considerable labor. This is a mode by which even statistics can be made both interesting and useful.

The following is a statement of the ages of the white population of Massachusetts, according to the National Censuses of 1830 and 1840, and the proportion in every 10,000, living at each specified age.

(a)

AGE.	Number of Persons.		In every 10,000, there were in	
	1830.	1840.	1830.	1840.
Under 5	80,131	92,626	1,329	1,270
5 to 10	70,558	80,411	1,170	1,103
10 to 15	67,971	74,803	1,127	1,026
15 to 20	67,331	77,429	1,117	1,063
20 to 30	118,908	150,535	1,972	2,065
30 to 40	73,601	101,607	1,221	1,394
40 to 50	50,342	63,270	835	868
50 to 60	33,482	41,954	555	575
60 to 70	23,203	26,077	385	358
70 to 80	12,693	14,860	210	203
80 to 90	4,276	4,869	71	67
90 to 100	507	570	8	8
Over 100	3	19	-	-
Total,	603,006	729,030	10,000	10,000

This table is read thus. There were in Massachusetts, under 5 years of age, 80,131 persons, in 1830; and 92,626 persons in 1840;—and to every 10,000, of all ages, there were 1329 under 5, in 1830; and 1270 under 5, in 1840. The other ages are read in the same way. The proportion may be read as so much *per cent.* in this and many other tables in this communication, by separating the two right hand figures by a decimal point, when they will be read 13.29 and 12.70.

From this statement, it appears that the proportion under 15 years of age was 2.27 per cent. more in 1830 than in 1840; from 15 to 60 it was 2.65 per cent. less; and over 60, it was .11 more. In the census of 1840 there was an error of about 8000 in Boston, as I shall show in the report of the census of that city this year. This error was made in regard to the class from 15 to 60; and, taken in connection with the increased immigration to our cities, of the same class, during this period, will account for the difference in the proportions.

There are various modes suggested of comparing the energies and prosperity of one people with another. It has been said, with much truth, that "a country is placed in the most favorable circumstances for advancement, when it has the largest proportionate numbers of its inhabitants of an age suited to active employments." That age, according to the above extract from Mr. Chadwick's work, is between 15 and 50. It appears to me, however, that, in New England at least, 15 to 60 would be a better division; for most persons here between 15 and 60 are able to labor. I propose, therefore, to adopt the following standard of comparison. Those under 15 years of age to be called the *Dependent Class*, because they are dependent on those older for support; those from 15 to 60 to be called the *Productive Class*, because they are the only class who enjoy the full vigor of life, and are capable of discharging all its manifold duties; and those over 60, the *Aged Class*. The first and third classes combined may be called the *Burdensome Class*, and the other the *Productive Class*. The word *productive* is used here as applied to labor, in contradistinction from idleness or inability. One class are producers and the other consumers.

The educational age, as fixed by the laws of Massachusetts, is 4 to 16. It seems to me, however, that this specific classification is injudicious, and that 5 to 15 would be a better division. One object in specifying any age, is to have a basis by which to proportion the public school money to the several towns. It is probable, however, that it would make little or no difference in the result, whether this sum were proportioned to the children between 4 and 16, or between 5 and 15. The latter are universally adopted by nations as important points in the divisions of the population, and in the statistics of the dead; and there are many reasons why the educational age should be within these points. It would be less labor to make the enumeration; and, from examinations which have been made, it appears that the ages of children attending school, more nearly correspond to them. Comparisons could be more readily made with the ordinary divisions of the population. I agree in opinion with a recent eminent writer in thinking, in its application to schools, that "hereafter 15 will be the age at which, in any census, it will be considered that, in the mass of the community, occupation begins and education ends."

I will now apply the above test to the population of each county, the whole State, and some other places; and calculate the proportions of the whole population living in each class. (Table b, next page.)

From this statement it appears that, while the whole United States had 52.35 per cent. of the population of the productive class, between 15 and 60, Massachusetts had 59.65 per cent. and England 56.70; showing this State to be better situated, in this respect, than either. In the aged class it appears, however, that England had 7.20 per cent. while this State had but 6.74—a result in favor of the longevity of that country. Some counties compare better than others or the whole State. Boston has 64.65 per cent.—the greatest proportion of the productive class; and only 2.93 per cent.—the least of the aged.

The condition of a population is very much affected by emigration and immigration. The character of the emigrants varies, however, very much in different places. To illustrate this point we will take the city of Lowell and the State of Illinois. In one the productive class, and in the other the dependent class, pre-

dominates. Few of the productive class in either case were natives. By the census of 1840, it appears that to every 10,000 persons there were

	Under 15	15 to 60	Over 60.
In Lowell,	2500	7368	132
In Illinois,	4762	5045	193

That is, while Lowell had 2500 persons dependent upon every 7365 for support, Illinois had 4762 persons dependent on 5045 for support; showing, from the ages alone, that the productive energies of the one are more than double those of the other. If the other circumstances of the population were taken into consideration, such as the greater amount of sickness and mortality, necessarily suffered in one more than in the other, the difference would appear still more striking. Lowell is a remarkable instance; and perhaps there cannot be found, anywhere, 25,000 persons in one place, in which the productive class comprises 73.68 per cent. and the burdensome class only 26.32 per cent.,—a little more than one quarter. In neither place are to be found many of the aged class, most of the immigrants being of the other classes, and who had not lived long enough there to pass out of them. Combining the dependent and the aged classes, as proposed, the following proportions are obtained. (Table c, next page.)

There is another question: What proportion of our people survive different ages, as compared with others in other places? This is a subject of interest, though when taken alone it should not be considered as a sure basis of a comparison of longevity. From the facts already given, table *d* is compiled.

It appears from this table, that in Massachusetts 63.74 per cent. of the population in 1830 had survived the age of 15, and 66.01 in 1840. In the United States 55.01 in 1830, and 56.29 in 1840, and in England 63.90, had survived the

(b)

In	Whole Population,	Number of Persons.			To every 100 persons, there were		
		Under 15.	15 to 60.	Over 60.	Un. 15.	15 to 60.	Over 60.
Massachus. 1830,	603,006	218,660	343,664	40,682	36.26	57.00	6.74
“ 1840,	729,030	247,840	434,795	46,395	33.99	59.65	6.36
Boston, - - -	83,012	26,904	53,674	2,434	32.42	64.65	2.93
Essex Co. - - -	94,482	33,039	54,494	6,949	34.97	57.68	7.35
Middlesex, - - -	106,118	34,383	65,982	5,753	32.40	62.18	5.42
Worcester, - - -	94,740	32,906	54,892	6,942	34.73	57.94	7.33
Hampden, - - -	37,034	12,363	22,427	2,244	33.38	60.56	6.06
Hampshire, - - -	30,696	10,763	17,672	2,261	35.06	57.58	7.36
Franklin, - - -	28,724	10,466	15,972	2,286	36.44	55.60	7.96
Berkshire, - - -	40,467	14,411	23,376	2,680	35.61	57.77	6.62
Norfolk, - - -	52,980	18,162	31,327	3,491	34.28	59.13	6.59
Plymouth, - - -	47,020	16,574	26,482	3,964	35.25	56.32	8.43
Barnstable, - - -	32,111	12,378	17,472	2,261	38.55	54.41	7.04
Bristol, - - -	58,934	20,712	34,202	4,020	35.14	58.04	6.82
Dukes, - - -	3,938	1,335	2,244	359	33.90	56.98	9.12
Nantucket, - - -	8,433	2,572	5,210	651	30.50	61.78	7.72
U. States, 1830,	10,526,058	4,737,335	5,368,275	420,448	44.99	51.01	4.00
“ 1840,	14,189,108	6,201,219	7,427,579	560,310	43.71	52.35	3.94
England, 1841,	15,858,075	5,723,782	8,991,903	1,142,390	36.10	56.70	7.20
Sweden, 1835, -	3,025,430	1,065,444	1,722,332	237,663	35.22	56.93	7.85

same age. In Massachusetts, 6.74 in 1830, and 6.36 in 1840; in the United States, 4.00 in 1830, and 3.94 in 1840; and in England, 7.20 had survived the age of 60. These deductions show that a less proportion of the population live through the productive age to be classed with the aged, and less experience and maturity of mind is preserved, in the United States, and even in Massachusetts, than in England or Sweden. Though this State compares better with England than the whole Union, yet even here is found some confirmation of Mr. Chadwick's statements, so far as they apply to the existing population.

The following statement will illustrate the average age of the population. In the United States it applies only to the whites.

	Years.	Persons.	Average age.
In the United States,	1840	14,189,108	22.71
Massachusetts,	1830	603,006	25.34
"	1840	729,030	25.99
England,	1841	15,858,075	26.59

(c)

In	Year.	Proportion, per cent., of the	
		Productive Class.	Burdensome Class.
Massachusetts, - -	1830	57.00	43.00
" - -	1840	59.65	40.35
Lowell, - - -	1840	73.68	26.32
Illinois, - - -	1840	50.45	49.55
United States, - -	1830	51.01	48.99
" - -	1840	52.35	47.65
England, - - -	1841	56.70	43.30
Sweden, - - -	1835	56.93	43.07

(d)

Age surviving.	Number persons per cent., surviving, were in				
	Massachusetts.		United States.		England.
	1830.	1840.	1830.	1840.	1841.
At Birth,	100.	100.	100.	100.	100.
5 years,	86.71	87.30	82.00	82.56	86.76
10 "	75.01	76.27	67.44	68.39	74.79
15 "	63.74	66.01	55.01	56.29	63.90
20 "	54.57	55.38	43.90	45.38	53.93
30 "	32.85	34.73	26.09	27.22	36.13
40 "	20.64	20.79	15.18	15.62	23.24
50 "	12.29	12.11	8.30	8.30	13.65
60 "	6.74	6.36	4.00	3.94	7.20
70 "	2.89	2.78	1.47	1.49	2.80
80 "	.79	.75	.37	.38	.64
90 "	.08	.08	.06	.04	.05

74 BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

This subject is an important one, and might be profitably examined more in detail; but I leave it for the present to advert to the facts obtained under the Registry Law of this State.

The number of births, marriages and deaths, returned under the Registry Law of Massachusetts, in all the counties but Suffolk, in 1845, and the three preceding years, not including the still born, were—

	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.
Births,	8,470	8,659	14,646	15,564
Marriages,	4,974	5,023	4,275	4,841
Deaths,	7,491	8,305	8,250	8,642

An examination of the Abstract of each town, on pages 3 to 11 inclusive, and the notes appended to that abstract, shows that these returns do not include all that have occurred. Some towns have omitted to make any returns, and others are so imperfect, that a comparison between these numbers and the population would present a fallacious result. I stated, in my communication to Mr. Bolles, already referred to, that the population then was "about 750,000, and in this number it may be estimated that 1 in 30, or about 25,000 births; 1 in 125, or 6,000 marriages; and 1 in 60, or 12,500 deaths, take place in the whole State every year. This is a mere estimate, and may be erroneous, though it is supposed to be not far from the truth." From a comparison of some of the returns since that time, I am inclined to think the proportional number of births and marriages too small; and the deaths also, unless Boston be excluded. Taking the rural districts alone, it would be a fair estimate, but including the cities, it would perhaps be too low an estimate of the number of deaths. The number of births returned has increased each year, and in 1845 amounted to nearly double those of 1842. This is an encouraging fact, and shows the increasing attention of the people to Registration. The number of marriages and deaths returned has not varied materially in the four years.

The following table (c) is compiled from the latest information in my possession, showing the proportions which the births, marriages and deaths, bear to the population in various European states.

(c)

STATES.	Period of Observation.	Annual number of Marriages, Births, and Deaths, to 100 persons living, or per cent.			Number of persons living to one annual Marriage, Birth, and Death.		
		Marriages. per cent.	Births. per cent.	Deaths. per cent.	Marriages. One in	Births. One in	Deaths. One in
England, -	1839-1842	.770	3.200	2.209	130	31	45
France, -	1840-1842	.825	2.837	2.397	121	35	42
Austria, -	1839-1841	.807	3.874	2.995	124	26	33
Prussia, -	1839-1841	.887	3.767	2.658	113	27	38
Russia, -	1842	1.013	4.284	3.590	99	23	28

This interesting statement shows that in England, a less proportion of marriages and deaths takes place than in either of the states mentioned. France exceeds her in births. In Russia, the proportion of each is very large, exceeding

by nearly 25 per cent. those of England. It has been said, that in warm countries marriages take place earlier, and births and deaths are more numerous; but the Russian returns do not seem to confirm its truth. It would be interesting, if we had the means of making a similar statement respecting each State in our confederacy.

MARRIAGES.—The age of the parties at marriage is an important element to be recorded. Some have objected to give it from a desire for “fictitious youth,” from false ideas of delicacy, or a misapprehension of its importance; and in other cases it has been omitted through the carelessness of those whose duty it was to make the records. The consequence has been, that in a portion only of the returns has the age been stated. Better results, it is hoped, will be produced in future. Abstracts of these returns are presented in five tables, pages 38 to 40, constructed in such a manner as to present the ages of the parties in a very interesting view. It appears that 9,682 persons were married and returned the last year, of whom the ages of 6,852 are stated—3,422 males and 3,430 females; and 2,830 are not stated—1,419 males and 1,411 females. The condition of the parties was as follows:—

Marriages in which both parties were married for the first time,	3,490
“ the man was married for the first time and the woman not,	113
“ the woman was married for the first time and the man not,	490
“ both parties had been married before,	194
“ the condition of the parties was not stated,	554
Total,	4,841

G. R. Porter, Esq., an eminent English statistician, in a recent work quoted in the American Almanac for 1846, says “the rapid growth of the population of the United States is not attributable to the great duration of life, but arises from the number and fruitfulness of marriages, aided in a considerable degree by emigration.” It is important to know whether this be true or false. Knowing the *age at marriage*, and instituting a comparison with other countries, are the means of arriving at the truth. The Belgian returns, and the report of the last census of Ireland, afford the means of doing it in relation to those countries. Those of England do not. It is, however, proposed to alter the Registration law there, so as to require it. The last report of the Registrar General has the following sensible remarks on this subject: “It is not a little remarkable, that although the increase of population and the influence of early and late marriages on the welfare of nations, have for the whole of the present century occupied public attention, and been made the basis of theories which have guided or biased legislation, no provision has yet been made for determining the simplest fundamental facts—the foundation of all reasoning on the subject—such as the ages at marriage, the ages of mothers, of children, the numbers of married and single persons at the several periods of life. Upon many of these points the greatest ignorance prevails, writers on population depending on rough approximations, derived from scanty, imperfect, and often erroneous data, because the censuses and registers have not yet been taken and abstracted upon a comprehensive and well-considered plan.”

These are the views of those who proposed to have inserted in the *Massachusetts Register* the age of the parties at marriage; and if further reasons were

necessary to show its importance, they will appear from the facts already obtained, some of which are presented in this report.

The following table, (f) containing those marriages only, where both parties were married for the first time, and whose ages are stated, is compiled from the Massachusetts returns of 1845, and the Belgian returns of 1841.

(f)

AGE.	Number of persons married in				To 10,000 married, there were in			
	Massachusetts.		Belgium.		Massachusetts.		Belgium.	
	Males.	Females	Males.	Females	Males.	Females	Males.	Females
Under 20,	53	690	757	2685	198	2583	312	1105
20 to 25,	1308	1422	4530	6966	4897	5324	1864	2867
25 to 30,	952	446	9420	8067	3564	1670	3877	3320
30 to 35,	247	79	5497	3841	925	296	2262	1581
35 to 40,	81	17	2488	1719	303	64	1024	707
40 to 45,	17	14	1000	653	64	52	412	269
45 to 50,	8	2	340	225	30	7	140	93
50 to 55,	5	1	137	76	19	4	56	31
55 to 60,	.	.	56	27	.	.	23	11
Over 60,	.	.	72	38	.	.	30	16
	2671	2671	24,297	24,297	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000

Average age, 25.84 22.69 29.47 27.43

The Belgian tables give the marriages "under 21." Our tables give them "under 20," which will make a slight difference in the proportion at that and the subsequent age, but in no other. It appears from this table, that while in Massachusetts, to every 10,000 of all ages, 4,897 males and 5,324 females are married between the ages of 20 and 25; in Belgium only 1,864 males and 2,867 females out of the same number, are married at those ages. The average age in Massachusetts of the males was 25.84 and the females, 22.69, while in Belgium the males averaged 29.47 and the females 27.43. This average age shows a difference of 3.63 years in the males, and 4.74 in the females. This is the result of the marriages in which both parties were married for the first time. I will next present a view of all the marriages, whatever the condition of the parties. And in the table (g) is given the ages of 506,652 males, 522,205 females, when married, taken from the last census of Ireland.

This table shows that in Massachusetts 40.59 per cent. of the males were between the ages of 20 and 25 at marriage, while in Belgium the proportion was only 15.65 per cent. The proportions at the other ages differ very materially. Those married under and over 25 will appear by the comparison exhibited in table (h), next page.

These remarkable results show that the proportion of males married under 25 was even greater in Massachusetts than in Ireland, and the proportion of females was nearly as large; and both were more than double those of Belgium.

The number of marriages in 1842 and 1843, is given in the reports, without

specifying the month in which they took place. In 1844 and 1845, they occurred in the different months as represented in table (i), next page.

This statement shows that the seasons have considerable influence on the number of marriages, varying from 461 to 1,379 in 1844, and from 544 to 1,305 in 1845. The average number each month was 347 in 1844, and 401 in 1845. The month in which the smallest number occurred was July, and that in which

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AGE.	Number of persons married, of all conditions, in					
	Massachusetts.		Belgium.		Ireland, 1830—1840.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Under 20,	56	738	774	2831	44,267	153,312
20 to 25,	1389	1587	4677	7421	165,664	209,758
25 to 30,	1093	602	10,067	9082	145,531	98,465
30 to 35,	371	201	6527	4928	76,349	34,812
35 to 40,	175	117	3636	2791	36,415	14,752
40 to 45,	115	92	2037	1477	17,525	6,122
45 to 50,	85	43	934	753	10,074	2,942
50 to 55,	48	23	512	357	5,396	1,183
55 to 60,	31	18	310	126	5,431	859
Over 60,	59	9	402	110	.	.
	3422	3430	29,876	29,876	506,652	522,205

AGE.	To 10,000 married, of all conditions, there were					
Under 20,	164	2152	259	948	873	2936
20 to 25,	4059	4627	1565	2484	3270	4017
25 to 30,	3194	1755	3370	3040	2872	1886
30 to 35,	1084	586	2185	1650	1507	667
35 to 40,	511	341	1217	934	719	282
40 to 45,	336	268	682	494	346	117
45 to 50,	248	125	313	252	199	56
50 to 55,	140	67	171	119	107	23
55 to 60,	91	53	104	42	107	16
Over 60,	173	26	134	37	.	.
	10,000	10,000	10,00	10,000	10,000	10,000

(h)

IN	Males.		Females.	
	Under 25	Over 25.	Under 25.	Over 25.
Massachusetts, - -	42.23	57.77	67.79	32.21
Ireland, - - -	41.43	58.57	69.53	30.47
Belgium, - - -	18.24	81.76	34.32	65.68

the largest number occurred, November,—the month of the annual return of the New England festival, Thanksgiving. Many families meet together on that day to congratulate the newly formed marriage connexions.

BIRTHS.—The number only of the births is given in the Reports of 1843 and 1843, without distinction of sex, or the months in which they took place. In 1844 and 1845, the sex and time of birth are specified. It appears that

	In 1844.	In 1845.
The whole number of births returned, were	14,646	15,564
Of which the male births were	7,344	7,793
the female births were	6,991	7,594
the births in which the sex is not stated, were	311	177
Of those in which the sex was known, the females were to		
100 males,	95.08	97.44
the males to 100 females,	105.04	103.62
the males to 100 both sexes,	51.23	50.65
the females to 100 both sexes,	48.77	49.35

This shows that there are more males than females born; and the proportions are nearly the same as occur in other parts of the world. The months of the year in which they took place, appear in table (j,) next page.

These observations are not sufficiently extensive to form any very correct opinion on the subject; but, so far as they go, they do not show that the seasons have any perceptible influence on the number of births, as is stated to be the fact in some parts of the world. The average number each month was 1,209 in 1844, and 1,280 in 1845.

In 1844 there was 1 case of twin births to	123 cases of birth.
" 1845 " 1 " " to 129 "	
" 1844 " 1 " triplets to 7261 "	
" 1845 " 1 " " to 15,444 "	
" 1844 " 1 " quadruplets to 15,523 "	
" 1845 " no case of "	

(i)

MONTH.	Number of Mar- riages in		To 10,000 Marriages, there were in	
	1844.	1845.	1844.	1845.
January, - -	337	414	809	859
February, - -	264	270	633	560
March, - - -	264	262	633	544
April, - - -	429	474	1029	983
May, - - -	429	465	1029	965
June, - - -	325	336	780	697
July, - - -	192	263	461	546
August, - -	229	286	549	593
September, -	284	419	681	809
October, - -	442	538	1060	1116
November, -	575	629	1379	1305
December, -	399	464	957	963
Specified, - -	4169	4820	10,000	10,000
Not specified, -	106	21		
Total, - -	4275	4841		

It would be interesting and important to know the average number of children born to each marriage in Massachusetts. Our returns are, however, not sufficiently full to allow us to make even a safe comparison as to the proportion the births bear to the marriages, deaths or population. I venture the opinion that the number of births to a marriage here, is greater than in England; but that the number here is not as great now as it was 30 or 40 years ago.

"The births registered in England are in proportion to the population one seventh part more numerous than in France, and one seventh part less than in Prussia. To 3,525 inhabitants 100 births are annually registered in France, 113 in England, 133 in Prussia, 136 in Austria, 151 in Russia. The small number of births in France is not accounted for by any difference in the proportion of the persons married, who are, in fact, more numerous in France than in any other country from which I have been able to procure returns. It appears that 100 French wives had 14 children, 100 Prussian wives 21 children yearly; or, in other terms, 717 wives bore annually 100 children in France, 152 children in Prussia. If the births are divided by the annual marriages that took place seven years before, there were 3.33 births (in wedlock) to a marriage in France—4.05 to a marriage in Prussia, and 4.34 to a marriage in Austria; 4.26 to a marriage in England, and if a correction be made for first marriages, 4.79 to every *two* persons married. The total annual births in England, divided by the persons married seven years before, give on an average 5.12 children to every two persons married; and as many illegitimate children are the offspring of married persons before, during or after marriage, the number of children to every two persons married in England must be between 4.79 and 5.12, or little short of *five*, about three of which attain the age of marriage to replace the two parents and those who have no offspring; the surplus swelling the number of the existing inhabitants of the island, or flowing in of emigration."

(j)

MONTH.	Number of Births in		In 10,000 Births, there were in	
	1844.	1845.	1844.	1845.
January, - -	1170	1335	806	869
February, - -	1210	1295	834	843
March, - - -	1239	1512	854	984
April, - - -	1230	1452	847	945
May, - - -	1144	1013	788	659
June, - - -	1134	1063	781	692
July, - - -	1164	1235	802	804
August, - - -	1350	1350	930	878
September, -	1282	1314	883	855
October, - -	1206	1324	831	661
November, -	1195	1235	823	804
December, -	1192	1238	821	806
Specified, - -	14,516	15,366	10,000	10,000
Not Specified,	130	198		
Total, - -	14,646	15,564		

DEATHS.—It has been stated that the number of deaths returned was 7,642, not including the still born, and 8,715 including them. They occurred in the several counties as stated in the subjoined table. (k) We have arranged the counties so as to admit of being easily grouped together; the 4 western in one division, the 4 middle in another, and the 5 southern in another, if desired.

(k)

COUNTIES.	Population, 1840.	Deaths.			
		Male.	Female.	Not Specified.	Total.
Berkshire, - -	41,745	218	252	18	488
Franklin, - -	28,812	143	182	6	331
Hampshire, - -	30,897	168	210	17	395
Hampden, - -	37,366	239	254	16	509
Worcester, - -	95,313	696	824	7	1527
Middlesex, - -	106,611	734	750	22	1506
Essex, - - -	94,987	705	772	27	1504
Norfolk, - - -	53,140	298	333	26	657
Plymouth, - -	47,373	228	243	13	484
Bristol, - - -	60,165	336	369	14	719
Barnstable, - -	32,548	211	184	13	408
Dukes, - - -	3,958	28	23	2	53
Nantucket, - -	9,012	64	70	.	134
	641,927	4068	4466	181	8715

The returns fall so far short of the actual number, that a comparison of the proportion they bear to the population would be fallacious. Accuracy in this respect can be attained only after the Registry Law shall have been amended and the records and returns perfected. I am inclined to the opinion, from an examination of several of the returns last year, which appear most correct, that if the whole number of deaths in the State had been stated, it would not have amounted to more than 1 in 57 of the living. This proportion may, however, be found to be incorrect by full and authentic data.

An interesting view of the proportion of deaths in the two sexes may be given, embracing the abstracts for the four years. (l)

(l)

YEAR.	Deaths.				Of those whose sex was known, there were		
	Whole Number.	Male.	Female.	Not stated.	To 100 Deaths of both sexes.		Females to 100 Males.
					Males.	Females.	
1842	7496	3329	3693	474	47.41	52.59	110.93
1843	8305	3684	4261	350	46.37	53.65	115.66
1844	8338	3712	4173	453	47.08	52.92	112.41
1845	8715	4068	4466	181	47.67	52.33	109.78

It has already been shown that more males than females are born. From the above statement it appears that fewer males than females die. A comparison can be instituted between them only in the last two years, since in the first two Reports they are not both specified.

(m)

In	To every 10,000 males there were females		Showing a difference of
	Born.	Died.	
1844	9508	11,241	1733
1845	9744	10,978	1234

It may be asked, what becomes of this difference? The answer is principally found in the greater number of males than females, which the State furnishes to people other parts of the Union, and to traverse the world. From the census of New York city, just published, it appears that 16,086 of its inhabitants were born in New England; and throughout all the Western States, New England men are found. It would be an exceedingly interesting inquiry, how many emigrants have been furnished each year by Massachusetts. And if a good system of Registration had been in operation, we should have been able to show it. We should have been able to show how many have gone hence to spread the wholesome influence of the land of their birth in other States and other regions. If every 10,000 births furnish 1,250 emigrants, the 25,000 births which have been estimated to take place in the State annually, would furnish over 3,000 to spend the remainder of their lives in other lands than that of their nativity.

The influence of the seasons over the number of deaths is universally acknowledged to be great; but it varies according to place, age, disease, and other circumstances. It is highly important to know how far all these influences effect the health of the people. The following facts (table (n), next page) compiled from the returns afford a general illustration of the matter.

This table shows a great difference in the mortality of the different months of the year. It will be perceived that the smallest number of deaths generally occurs in May and June, and the greatest number in August and September, varying this year, in those months, from 582 in every 10,000 to 1092. A particular examination of the other months will be of interest. By dividing the year into quarters, the following proportion per cent. will appear.

	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.
Winter—Jan. Feb. March, . . .	26.63	22.16	23.82	24.70
Spring—April, May, June, . . .	22.81	25.03	21.21	20.41
Summer—July, Aug. Sept. . . .	25.14	29.28	28.80	29.86
Autumn—Oct. Nov. Dec.	25.42	23.53	26.17	25.03

The ages at death make one of the most important elements in vital statistics. Combined with the ages of the living, they give us the means of measuring the value of life, and estimating the comparative health enjoyed by persons in different places and under different circumstances. In proportion as the average shall be high or low, will a people of similar ages of the living be healthy or un-

healthy. In the first place, I will present for each county the number returned at each age specified for the year 1845. (o) The counties are so arranged that those who choose may make the divisions of the State, as before suggested. Whether any such divisions may hereafter be adopted, will depend on the facts elicited by future investigation.

(n)

MONTH.	Number of Deaths.				In every 10,000 Deaths, there were in			
	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.
January, .	608	563	641	682	820	687	795	789
February, .	627	608	635	690	845	742	787	798
March, .	740	645	645	763	998	787	800	883
April, .	711	635	577	697	959	775	715	807
May, .	495	753	592	563	667	919	734	651
June, .	486	663	542	504	655	809	672	583
July, .	487	654	584	706	657	798	724	817
August, .	620	844	821	928	836	1030	1018	1074
September, .	757	901	918	946	1021	1100	1138	1095
October, .	806	726	757	838	1087	886	939	970
November, .	527	627	639	651	711	765	792	753
December, .	552	575	715	674	744	702	886	780
Specified, .	7416	8194	8066	8642	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Not specified, .	132	147	184	.	.	.	.	.
Total, .	7548	8341	8250	8642	.	.	.	.
Average, .	618	682	672	720	833	833	833	833

(o)

AGE.	Berkshire.	Franklin.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Worcester.	Middlesex.	Essex.	Norfolk.	Plymouth.	Bristol.	Barnstable.	Dukes and Nantucket.	Total.
Under 1,	68	33	59	78	275	308	237	105	62	141	66	46	1478
1 to 2,	34	11	22	48	119	138	132	53	38	58	31	13	697
2 to 5,	47	25	32	39	142	135	139	43	48	50	30	9	739
5 to 10,	18	9	10	20	55	61	70	23	25	37	19	7	354
10 to 20,	36	23	20	48	109	84	112	49	35	40	25	11	592
20 to 30,	70	51	68	64	168	175	143	71	42	64	67	12	995
30 to 40,	41	31	33	38	134	142	110	53	31	51	28	12	704
40 to 50,	26	25	27	39	80	91	95	29	20	38	28	10	508
50 to 60,	23	27	29	26	104	74	79	37	25	41	23	11	500
60 to 70,	30	26	21	29	92	84	88	47	44	42	18	20	541
70 to 80,	45	34	36	35	114	80	142	56	55	50	42	16	705
80 to 90,	25	20	21	31	67	62	87	45	36	41	20	7	462
90 to 100,	5	4	8	6	25	15	18	6	6	5	7	2	107
Over 100,	.	.	2	.	.	2	.	1	.	1	.	.	6
Specified,	468	319	388	501	1484	1451	1452	618	467	659	404	177	8368
Not spec'd,	13	9	7	6	38	41	37	22	16	56	4	5	254
Total,	481	328	395	507	1522	1492	1489	640	483	715	408	172	8642
Aver. age,	30.89	37.5	33.59	29.81	29.42	26.48	30.66	32.22	34.24	28.38	31.08	30.23	30.26

A careful examination and analysis of the ages in each county, will show some difference in the average duration of life, so far as ascertained by the average age at death. I will not, however, attempt this analysis at this time, but present the aggregate returns of deaths for the whole State during the four years, 1842—1845, for each specified age, and the proportion they bear to 10,000 of all ages. (p)

(p)

AGE.	Number of Deaths.				To every 10,000 Deaths there were			
	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.
Under 1, - -	808	1052	1250	1478	1157	1349	1626	1762
1 to 2, - -	466	553	542	697	667	709	705	831
2 to 5, - -	637	679	556	739	912	871	723	881
5 to 10, - -	351	446	333	354	502	572	433	422
10 to 20, - -	493	496	532	592	706	636	692	706
20 to 30, - -	854	882	839	995	1222	1131	1091	1186
30 to 40, - -	555	648	655	704	794	831	852	839
40 to 50, - -	526	525	478	508	753	673	622	606
50 to 60, - -	474	488	434	500	679	626	564	596
60 to 70, - -	540	603	602	541	773	773	783	645
70 to 80, - -	649	767	751	705	929	984	977	840
80 to 90, - -	491	531	576	462	703	681	749	551
90 to 100, - -	137	122	137	107	196	156	178	128
Over 100, - -	5	6	4	6	7	8	5	7
Specified, - -	6986	7798	7689	8388	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Not specified, -	510	507	561	254				
Total, - -	7496	8305	8250	8642				

One of the first ideas presented by this table, is the remarkable increase of infantile mortality within the four years, being from 1157 to 1762, or 605; over 6 per cent. And from the table it appears that this increase has been nearly gradual each year. Some variation is presented in other ages, but in none is it so striking as in that under one year. Are we aware that 17.62 per cent. of all the deaths, are of children under one year old? In a work on the Vital Statistics of Boston, which I published in 1840, the attention of the public was called to the great proportional increase of deaths among children under five years of age in cities; but I was not aware, until I made the above calculations, that in the more rural districts embraced in this report, the same causes had been in operation, there, though not in an equal degree, to destroy human life at its very beginnings. Such developments should arrest the serious attention of parents and all concerned, to ascertain and remove, if possible, the destructive agencies at work among us on this class of human beings.

These facts will appear in a still more forcible light, by presenting the proportionate number of survivors, calculated from the age of the dying, in the same manner as we have presented the number of survivors calculated from the age of the living. (See table (d), p. 73) Against the survivors in Massachusetts those of Preston, England, are given, taken from the Parliamentary Report on the Health

of Towns. The survivors there are presented in three divisions. One represents the upper class, among whom the best health and greatest longevity prevail; another, the middling class, who enjoy a lower grade of health; and the other the laboring class, who suffer most. The difference in the number of survivors, at the different ages, is very remarkable.

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Age surviving.	Number surviving each specified age, calculated from the deaths.						
	In Massachusetts.				In Preston, England.		
	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	Gentry.	Tradesmen	Operatives
At Birth,	100.	100.	100.	100.	100.	100.	100.
1 year,	88.43	86.51	83.74	82.38	90.8	79.6	68.2
2 years,	81.76	79.42	76.69	74.67	87.6	73.5	57.5
5 "	72.64	70.71	69.46	65.26	82.4	61.8	44.6
10 "	67.62	64.99	65.13	61.04	81.1	56.6	38.8
20 "	60.56	58.63	58.21	53.98	76.3	51.6	31.5
30 "	48.34	47.32	47.30	42.12	72.3	45.9	25.2
40 "	40.40	39.01	38.78	33.73	63.4	37.5	20.4
50 "	32.87	32.28	32.56	27.67	56.	28.1	15.6
60 "	26.08	26.02	26.92	21.71	45.1	20.5	11.2
70 "	18.35	18.29	19.09	15.26	25.4	13.3	6.1
80 "	9.06	8.45	9.32	6.86	8.	4.5	2.1
90 "	2.03	1.64	1.83	1.35	1.3	.8	.2
100 "	.07	.08	.05	.07	.	.	.

It appears from this table, that in Massachusetts, 60.56 per cent. in 1842 survived the age of 20, and only 53.98 in 1845; while in Preston, 76.3 per cent. of the "gentry," 51.6 per cent. of the "tradesmen," and only 31.5 per cent. of the "operatives," survived the same age. In Massachusetts, 26.08 in 1842, and only 21.71 in 1845, survived the age of 60, while in Preston 45.1 per cent. of the gentry, 20.5 per cent. of the tradesmen, and only 11.2 per cent. of the laborers survived that age. This shows that the people of Massachusetts do not enjoy so good health as the better classes in England, though better health than the laboring classes. The influence of circumstances and occupation on health and longevity, is strikingly illustrated by the statement concerning Preston. It appears that while 72.3 per cent. of the gentry survived 30 years, only 25.2 of the operatives, or laborers, survived the same age.

Place of birth has some influence on health and longevity. It is useful to know, not only whether the person dying was a native of the State, but the town, and, if possible, the locality in the town where he lived and died. Some particular places, near marshes and stagnant water, in rural districts, and in dirty streets and lanes, in cities, are known to be surrounded with a miasmatic atmosphere, that injures health and abridges life. To ascertain how far such causes exist, and what influence they possess, was one reason for inserting the place of birth in the Register. The Alphabetical Abstract of causes of death, specifies the facts in relation to each. From this the following table, including the still born, is compiled. (Table (r), next page.)

(r)

COUNTIES.	Natives of the town.	Other Americans.	Foreigners.	Not specified.	Total.
Berkshire, . . .	250	131	10	97	488
Franklin, . . .	139	103	.	89	331
Hampshire, . . .	206	92	1	96	395
Hampden, . . .	236	161	15	97	509
Worcester, . . .	887	431	26	183	1527
Middlesex, . . .	822	378	92	214	1506
Essex, . . .	937	245	23	299	1504
Norfolk, . . .	405	117	9	126	657
Plymouth, . . .	368	50	3	63	484
Bristol, . . .	425	124	12	158	719
Barnstable, . . .	326	55	12	15	408
Dukes and Nantucket,	166	14	6	1	187
Total, . . .	5167	1901	209	1438	8715

This table shows, in a forcible manner, the stationary habits which govern the inhabitants of the interior towns in Massachusetts. Of the 7,277, whose place of birth is specified, there were

	Number.	In 100.
Natives of the town in which they died,	5,167	or 71.01
Natives of other places in the United States,	1,901	" 26.12
Born in foreign countries,	209	" 2.87
Total,	7,277	100.00

The counties having the largest proportion of persons who were not born in the town in which they died, were Worcester and Middlesex. Essex was the next, and Hampshire had the least. Middlesex, including Lowell and Charlestown, had nearly four times as many foreigners as any other. The counties in which large manufacturing towns are situated are affected by immigration to these towns, and they show a larger proportion of Americans, born in other places, as well as foreigners.

Occupation is supposed to have some influence on health and longevity. Some employments are supposed to be favorable and others unfavorable. The table, page 86, was compiled from the three published reports and the manuscript returns for this year, and it will be found to possess interest. Subjoined are a few facts from this table, showing the influence of some of the occupations specified. The table contains the number and average age each year, and the total for the four years. (Table (s.) next page.)

Though these observations are too limited to show how far occupation has an influence over life, yet they show there is a difference, which it is important to have investigated and known by a long series of observations extending throughout the State. According to this statement, the average age of 2,673 farmers was 64, and of 461 shoemakers, 43.

Domestic condition has been supposed to have some influence on longevity. From an examination of the returns last year, it appears that of 4,528 persons, whose ages are specified as having died over 20 years old, the domestic condition of 36,439 is stated. This is 39.75 per cent. of the whole deaths, and 75.95 per cent. of those over 20. The number, aggregate age, and average age of each class, appears as follows: (t)

(a)

OCCUPATION.	1842.		1843.		1844.		1845.		Total.	
	No.	Age.	No.	Age.	No.	Age.	No.	Age.	No.	Age.
Farmers, . .	660	66	706	66	663	64	645	61	2673	64
Physicians, . .	7	61	25	57	27	54	20	56	79	56
Clergymen, . .	14	55	22	55	18	51	11	50	65	53
Lawyers, . .	12	56	5	53	7	44	7	49	31	51
Teachers, . .	9	38	16	37	14	33	21	29	60	34
Blacksmiths, . .	34	57	35	59	31	50	45	52	145	54
Carpenters, . .	95	62	99	48	76	51	79	52	349	53
Painters, . .	12	41	8	42	21	41	10	41	51	41
Shoemakers, . .	104	46	113	48	110	39	134	41	461	43
Laborers, . .	193	49	171	51	158	50	208	49	735	49
Seamen, . .	176	39	199	43	128	37	131	42	634	42
Tailoresses, . .	.	.	.	.	7	41	16	40	23	41
Dress-makers, . .	.	.	.	.	3	25	11	30	14	29

(t)

CLASS.	Males.			Females.		
	Number	Aggregate Age.	Aver. Age.	Number	Aggregate Age.	Aver. Age.
Unmarried,	338	12,149	35.91	424	23,392	55.16
Married,	956	53,613	56.07	963	46,334	48.11
Widowed,	162	11,671	72.04	596	35,384	59.03
Total,	1456	77,433	53.18	1983	105,110	53.00

This table is formed by adding the complete years of each class together, as they appear in the returns. As many lived more than the full years, in parts from one to twelve months, it is presumed they lived, on the average, half a year longer than above specified. This would give the average age of the males 53.68 years, and the females 53.50, and the classes in the same proportion. Though no definite conclusions should be drawn from these facts, yet they possess great interest, and should be preserved and combined with others of a similar nature which future investigations may produce.

PUBLIC HEALTH.—The *diseases and causes of death* are presented in this Report in three separate abstracts. The first (p. 41) gives them arranged in alphabetical order, under names generally as they were registered and returned, and designating, in regard to each, the sex, (which has not been done in previous years,) age, month of the year, and place of birth. This mode of presenting the causes of death will afford easy data to some persons for more minute analysis, if desired. In the two next abstracts, the causes of death are classified, with some slight modifications, according to the nomenclature prepared by William Farr, Esq., and adopted by the Registrar General of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, in England. Some alteration of his list has been made, and each class arranged alphabetically.

Some classification of diseases is absolutely necessary for statistical purposes ; but there is a difficulty in making one that shall be entirely satisfactory even to one's own mind. Physicians disagree in regard to it. While it may be proper that each one should be at liberty to return the cause of death under such name as he shall select, it is much to be desired that such names only should be used, as would give a clear definition of such cause. I have in possession the printed abstracts of the interments in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore, for the last twenty years, beside those in our State, and other places, and have copied every cause of death, as it appears in these documents. They show not only that a great variety of causes of death exist, but that very many different names are given to the same cause. It will at once be perceived, that it would be almost impossible to make a statistical analysis of each cause, as given under these numerous names. It becomes necessary to group them together in classes, giving those that are synonymous, or nearly so, under one name, and those affecting a particular organ or function, under one class. With such a classification, a comparison may be instituted in regard to the prevalence and fatality of diseases in different places and in different seasons.

In the second table (p. 49) the causes of death are given for this year by counties. In the third table (p. 55) a summary for each of the four years is given, and the proportions of deaths from each specified cause, to 10,000 from all causes ; the most interesting comparison that can be presented from the facts. It would be instructive to know the number of deaths from each cause that take place in a given number of the living, but this cannot be done without full returns, which can be obtained only under an improved method of collecting the facts.

In making these tables, the county of Suffolk has been excluded, as in the other tables. It was desirable to make a comparison in regard to diseases in the same territory each year, and it could not be done without excluding that county. It appears that

	In 1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.
The deaths from all causes were . . .	7,496	8,305	8,250	8,642
The deaths from specified causes were	<u>6,149</u>	<u>7,177</u>	<u>7,076</u>	<u>8,070</u>
Leaving from causes not specified,	1,347	1,128	1,174	572

Showing that the causes of death have been more accurately returned this than any former year.

The following table represents the comparative prevalence of the different classes of diseases, taking 10,000 as the basis of the calculation for all known causes of death. (Table (u.) next page.)

1. *Zimotic Diseases*.—This term is used to designate all epidemic, endemic, and contagious diseases. It is the property of *zimotic* diseases to prevail more at one time than at another, or more in one locality than in another ; and to become epidemic, endemic, or contagious, under certain circumstances. In some seasons and places they occur with more frequency, or with more virulence and fatality, than in others. It is supposed that the best index to public health may be deduced from the proportion in which these diseases prevail.

In looking at the table, it does not appear that the proportion of these diseases has varied very much in the four years. Last year there were 92 more in every 10,000 than in either other year, and 432 more than in 1844, showing an increase

of this class of diseases. Cholera infantum, croup, dysentery, fevers, and scarlatina, have been the predominant diseases of this class. Scarlatina, one of the diseases most to be dreaded among us, caused nearly one quarter of all the deaths of this class the last year. The ages at which this disease occurred for the four years, appear in table (v.)

2. *Diseases of Uncertain or General Seat.*—If accuracy were at all times used in recording the cause of death, this class would be small. It appears that half of all the deaths in this class the last year, and more than half the previous year, were returned under the convenient name of "Infantile Diseases." Such an indefinite term should not be used in the Registers, when the specific causes can be ascertained.

3. *Diseases of the Nervous System.*—The diseases under this head have maintained about their usual proportions. Delirium tremens was classed, before this

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CLASSES OF CAUSES.	To 10,000 Deaths by all specified causes, there were of			
	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.
1. Zimotic Diseases,	2644	2583	2299	2736
SPORADIC DISEASES				
2. Of Uncertain or General Seat,	745	1243	1625	1102
3. Of the Nervous System, . . .	891	942	892	984
4. Of the Organs of Respiration,	3186	2852	2878	3150
5. Of the Organs of Circulation,	194	171	199	168
6. Of the Digestive Organs, . .	418	748	612	641
7. Of the Urinary Organs, . . .	39	45	45	40
8. Of the Organs of Generation,	132	166	96	118
9. Of the Organs of Locomotion,	68	54	48	42
10. Of the Integumentary System,	15	20	17	21
11. Of Old Age,	1060	798	892	624
12. Of External Causes,	608	378	397	374
Total,	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000

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AGE.	Massachusetts.					Philadelphia. 1841—44.	Ireland. 1830—1840.
	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	Total.		
Under 1, - -	31	79	49	83	242	81	1571
1 to 2, - -	49	90	42	89	270	161	1128
2 to 5, - -	150	308	123	204	785	464	1879
5 to 10, - -	99	163	59	83	404	214	2380
10 to 20, - -	32	41	32	41	146	15	678
20 to 30, - -	11	9	8	16	44	11	145
Over 30, - -	11	16	6	7	40	15	53
Not specified,	100	26	11	15	152	.	42
Total, - -	483	732	330	538	2083	967	7876

year, under intemperance. That is undoubtedly the cause, but not the disease itself. Hydrocephalus has increased from 182 to 234 in 10,000 deaths.

4. *Diseases of the Organs of Respiration.*—This class of causes produces nearly one third of all the deaths, maintaining, however, about its usual proportions during the four years. Consumption, that great destroyer of human life in New England, Old England, and other places, caused 2,072, or 2,567 in every 10,000 deaths last year.

The fatality of this disease is so general, that some more detail in regard to it may be profitable to present to the public. In the four years, the returns show the ages and the months of the year, in which consumption took place, as follows:—

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AGE.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	MONTH.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.
Under 1, - -	35	35	3	119	January, - -	117	136	141	166
1 to 2, - -	14	24	41	54	February, - -	137	127	135	136
2 to 5, - -	20	23	21	24	March, - - -	153	167	127	175
5 to 10, - -	15	15	18	28	April, - - -	145	174	133	198
10 to 20, - -	132	165	172	171	May, - - -	125	183	151	196
20 to 30, - -	349	490	412	445	June, - - -	130	148	126	179
30 to 40, - -	255	364	281	339	July, - - -	124	156	143	198
40 to 50, - -	190	234	184	244	August, - - -	114	164	130	148
50 to 60, - -	149	162	139	191	September, -	120	180	157	156
60 to 70, - -	144	166	142	194	October, - -	131	175	136	179
70 to 80, - -	121	135	131	175	November, -	94	143	129	190
80 to 90, - -	35	30	35	44	December, -	128	158	130	171
Over 90, - -	1	7	5	3					
Specified, - -	1460	1850	1584	2031	Specified, - -	1518	1911	1638	2072
Not Specified,	346	70	69	41	Not Specified,	288	9	15	
Total, - -	1806	1920	1653	2072	Total, - -	1806	1920	1653	2072

From these tables, it appears that age has a great influence on the disease, but the seasons have not. A more accurate and extensive range of facts might, however, in some respects, vary this result.

5. *Diseases of the Organs of Circulation.*—The diseases of the heart constitute the principal part of this class. The proportion has not varied much during the period of observation.

6. *Diseases of the Digestive Organs.*—This is a very important class of diseases. Several of the Zimotic diseases, such as cholera, cholera infantum, diarrhoea, and dysentery, particularly affect these organs. They may be reclassified as follows:—

	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.
Zimotic disease of the digestive organs, .	792	724	547	795
Sporadic diseases of the digestive organs,	418	748	612	641
Both,	1,210	1,472	1,159	1,436

From this statement, it appears that affections of these organs are the cause of an eighth or a ninth of all the deaths. The age and seasons have great influence in

their production, as will appear from a more particular examination of the tables. Taking four diseases of the Zimotic class last year, we have the following results :—

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AGE.	Cholera.	Cholera Infantum.	Diarrhoea.	Dysentery.	Total.	MONTH.	Cholera.	Cholera Infantum.	Diarrhoea.	Dysentery.	Total.
Under 1, .	5	64	10	71	150	Jan'y,	1	.	1	2	4
1 to 2, . .	3	38	5	46	92	Feb'y,	1	.	.	1	2
2 to 5, . .	3	5	.	28	36	March,	.	2	.	2	4
5 to 10, .	3	3	.	5	11	April,	4	1	1	1	7
10 to 20, .	3	.	.	8	11	May,	1	.	1	4	6
20 to 30, .	5	.	3	3	11	June,	.	4	2	8	14
30 to 40, .	4	.	.	6	10	July,	5	21	3	42	71
40 to 50, .	2	.	1	3	6	August,	21	34	3	71	129
50 to 60, .	2	.	1	1	4	Sept'r,	9	36	7	50	102
60 to 70, .	7	.	.	6	13	Octob'r,	2	10	3	12	27
70 to 80, .	5	.	2	17	24	Nov'r,	.	2	2	3	7
80 to 90, .	1	.	.	6	7	Dec'r,	1	1	1	4	7
Not specified,	2	1	2	.	5	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total, .	45	111	24	200	380	.	45	111	24	200	380

Here is a remarkable illustration of the influence of age and seasons in the production of diseases. Perhaps the number in the diseases specified may not be strictly correct, as it is difficult to distinguish them, and to give each such a diagnosis, as would lead to an exact classification; notwithstanding the statements as a whole are very instructive. When it is known that more than two thirds of all the deaths by these diseases occur to those under *two years of age*, and in the months of *August and September*, it should lead people to guard those ages, especially in those months, against their attack.

7. *Diseases of the Urinary Organs.*—Gravel is one of the most formidable diseases of this class. Cystitis, or inflammation of the bladder, the next. The returns show some variation in particular diseases, though nearly the same proportion in the class.

8. *Diseases of the Organs of Generation.*—Childbirth and puerperal fever are assigned to this class, as their appropriate place in this abstract, though the latter is a zimotic disease. The number of deaths from these causes is very considerable, as will appear on examination of the tables. Puerperal fever is supposed to be highly contagious, and is a disease which frequently proves fatal.

9. *Diseases of the Organs of Locomotion.*—Cases which sometimes are returned as rheumatic fever are classed here. Rheumatism and diseases of the spine, are the principal part of this class.

10. *Diseases of the Integumentary System.*—Ulcers cause the greatest part of the deaths of this class.

11. *Old Age.*—The number returned as having died of old age, has decreased in the four years, from 1060 to 624 in 10,000. It is, however, doubtful, whether there would have been that difference had the cause of death been always accurately stated.

12. *Deaths from External Causes.*—In 1842, the number of deaths from these causes was apparently much larger than it has since been. This is partly accounted for, from the fact that those dying by delirium tremens were classed with these causes then, but have not been so classed this year. There appears also to have been an unusual number drowned that year. Burns and scalds, and casualties, have maintained about their usual proportions. Suicides have somewhat decreased.

It might be profitable to go into a more particular analysis of each of these classes of diseases, but I will not attempt it at this time. Persons who desire it can find many interesting facts by a careful examination of the printed tables.

Such are some of the facts developed under the Registry System, and they lead us to hope that those in future will be still more interesting. Other suggestions present themselves, but the intended limits of this communication will not allow of their introduction. I wish, however, before closing, to offer some more general remarks on the importance of Registration in its connection with the health of the people.

Man comes into existence a helpless being; arrives at maturity by the aid of others; exists in a state of maturity an indefinite period, and then decays and dies; "the dust returns to the earth as it was." This is the common lot of all. Life may extend to 70, 80, 90, or even 100 years; and it may terminate in a year, a month, or even in an hour. We know that we all must die; but the time of our death we do not know. It may come comparatively soon; it may not. We believe, however, that the time of our death, though unknown, is in some respects within our own control. We believe that disease and death come not from a mysterious, unconditional Providence, but are the result of the condition of our bodies, and the influences that are brought to bear upon them. Many of these influences we bring around us by our own voluntary choice. One person takes proper food, at proper times and in proper quantities; another indulges his appetite, and takes unwholesome food, at irregular intervals, and in injurious quantities. One person clothes himself so as to maintain an uniform temperature of the body at all times; another guards not against the changes in the temperature of the seasons, but allows himself to be alternately heated and chilled. One man selects a place of residence where the air he breathes is pure and invigorating; another, where the noxious impurities of the air carry disease and death to his vitals. One person keeps his skin in a healthy state by frequent bathing; another permits it to be coated over with impurities. One chooses an occupation which gives sufficient exercise, physical and mental, to keep all the energies of his body vigorous; another, one that requires too much labor for his physical nature, or has in itself unhealthy influences, or, in his occupation over-exerts himself so as to impair his physical and mental capacity. One man exposes himself to the contagion of small pox, knowing, at the same time, that it is dangerous, takes the disease and dies; another vaccinates himself, and thus protects and saves his life. One man ventures upon the ocean without sufficient knowledge to manage his craft, and thus exposes himself to accidental death; another is cautious, and ventures no farther than safety permits. The act of the *one* in each case is favorable, and prolongs life; the act of *another* is unfavorable, and abridges it. And will not every one say, that all these acts and influences

for good or for evil, are more or less within the control of man?—That life may be saved and prolonged, and that the time of our death may, in some sense, be postponed? Numerous illustrations of this truth present themselves within the circle of our own knowledge. The late Rev. Dr. Ripley, of Concord, when settled, in 1778, had a feeble constitution; and one man voted against him because he thought it useless to settle a man whose probabilities of living were so small. He, however, by great care and attention to his health, acquired a pretty good constitution, and survived his 90th year. He probably added 50 years to a life, which another man, under similar circumstances, would not have enjoyed.

We know, we have seen in these Reports, that these influences are not alike in all places, nor in all seasons, nor in all employments, nor in all circumstances; and that sickness and death take place in proportion as these influences are favorable or unfavorable. Some places and circumstances are more fatal to children, some to adults, and some to the aged, than others. In one locality one class of diseases, and in a different one another class prevail. Endemic influences differ very much in different places and seasons. But what these influences are, or wherein they differ, we are not informed. We only know it by partial investigation and vague report. We have not sufficient data for definite plans of action.

The tendency of our people is to become a manufacturing people; and manufactures have been so far investigated, that the cost of every article—material, transportation, labor, wages, board, &c.—is clearly known. But what amount of life is sacrificed thereby we know not. We do not know, though we ought to know, whether there exists, or whether there is any tendency to, such a condition in any of our cities and towns, as would justify the remark of Mr. Chadwick, before quoted, making them “characteristic of those crowded, filthy, badly administered districts in England, where the average duration of life is short, the proportion of the young very great, and the adult generation transient.”

The impression seems to have become general, that human life is improving; that it is longer and healthier now than formerly. This, however, needs confirmation, before it shall be asserted as truth. From investigations which have been made, I am inclined to think otherwise, especially in some places, and when the present time is compared with a period fifty years ago. We do not know, though we ought to know, how far our habits—the universal thirst for wealth in America, the reckless speculations of some, the hap-hazard mode of living and disregard to health of others, the luxury and extravagance of certain classes, and other practices of modern society—tend to check the progress of the population, increase disease, and weaken the race.

The average duration of life, and the average age at death, vary according to different influences. We have not, as yet, a sufficient number of facts to illustrate these differences in America. Life insurance is now as common in Europe as insurance on property; and it is becoming more common in this country. But data do not exist, sufficiently accurate, to form a proper table of rates which shall be paid here for such risks. The rates charged by the Massachusetts Life Office were calculated from the deaths alone, and are therefore supposed to be incorrect, as are others which have since been calculated here. These matters concern the insured—the people as much as the insurers—and are important to be generally known. But there is a higher value than this to be gained. For while it is important to the insured and the insurer, (comprising a

small part only of the people,) to know how long a known life will probably continue, it is also important to all others, comprising the great mass of the population, to know how long they may probably live, under the different circumstances in which they may be placed.

As this matter is one of interest, we have compiled, from the latest information, the following statement of the mean duration of life in several places in Europe. We have also given similar calculations made by Mr. Wigglesworth for the Massachusetts Life Insurance Company. It shows how many years a person may, on the average of the whole population, reasonably expect to live in each place, at birth, and when he arrives at the other ages specified.

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A PERSON HAS AN AVERAGE CHANCE OF LIVING						
In	At					
	Birth.	1 year.	5 years.	15 yrs.	30 yrs.	60 yrs.
England and Wales, .	years. 41.16	years. 47.13	years. 50.01	years. 43.74	years. 33.68	years. 14.0
Surry, England, . .	45.3	50.3	51.5	45.4	34.8	14.4
London, " . . .	36.7	42.7	48.0	41.3	30.3	.
Liverpool, " . .	25.7	33.1	42.8	37.4	27.0	.
France,	39.6	45.9	49.0	43.6	33.71	13.2
Massachus. Life Ins. Co.	28.15	36.78	40.88	36.17	30.25	15.45
Sweden,	39.0	.	50.0	48.8	32.7	12.6
Difference between Surry and Liverpool, }	19.4	17.02	8.07	8.0	7.8	.

Here is a remarkable illustration of the influence of locality on health and longevity. Surry is an example of the health enjoyed in the interior, rural districts of England; London in a favorable town district; and Liverpool in an unfavorable one. In Liverpool, the population is dense, and adequate means are not adopted for cleanliness and ventilation. It appears that while a child has a chance of living 45 years in Surry, it has a chance of living only 25 in Liverpool, showing a difference of 19.6 years; or, in other words, life is but five ninths as long in Liverpool as in Surry! At 30 it is shortened 7.8 years, or about one fifth! Yet before the facts developed by the Registration System were known, it was asserted by one of the most accurate writers in England, that "the great increase in the town of Liverpool is attributed to the *salubrity of the air*, and the progressive improvement in its trade, commerce, steam-navigation and rail-roads"! This is a forcible illustration of the importance of Registration. Facts of equal importance may be developed in our own State, in relation to the condition of our towns and cities. If the table of Mr. Wigglesworth adopted by the Massachusetts Life Insurance Company is a correct representation of the mean duration of life in this State, (though we believe it is not,) it is as unhealthy as Liverpool, and the most unhealthy districts of England.

The average age at death, as has been already said, is not to be taken as an exact index of comparison for the health of a place, unless we have the number, age, and condition of the living. It is, however, an interesting fact to be known, and we present, in the subjoined table, several calculations made from such data as are in our possession.

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Period of Observation.	Number of years.	Place and Circumstances.	Number of Deaths.	Average age at death.
1779 to 1842,	63	Concord,	1,600	38.08
1812 to 1845,	33	Plympton, (see page 32,) . .	494	41.00
1805 to 1836,	32	Amherst, N. H.	815	32.00
1817 to 1843,	27	Dorchester, Mass.	1,767	32.20
1842,	1	Massachusetts Returns, . .	6,986	34.77
1843,	1	" " " "	7,798	33.82
1844,	1	" " " "	7,689	33.74
1845,	1	" " " "	8,388	30.26
1811 to 1820,	10	City of Boston,	8,020	27.25
1821 to 1830,	10	" " " "	10,731	25.88
1831 to 1840,	10	" " " "	16,314	22.72
1841,	1	England,	335,106	29.46
1841,	1	Ireland, . . . . .	.	28.00
1841,	1	London, . . . . .	.	27.00
1841,	1	Liverpool, . . . . .	.	20.00
1814 to 1833,	20	Geneva, Switzerland, males, .	5,219	38.44
1814 to 1833,	20	" " " " females,	5,688	42.68
1814 to 1833,	20	" " " " both,	10,907	40.67

This statement affords another striking illustration of the influence of locality on longevity. Estimating by the above average age at death, the value of life to be 100 per cent. enjoyed by the people of Plympton, then the people of Boston would, according to the age 1831—1840, enjoy but 55.41 per cent.; or, in another view, the people of Boston, on the average, live a less number of years by 44.59 per cent. than do the people of Plympton!

To obtain all the needful information on this subject, we must have the aid of government. The Legislature must direct as to the method of collecting and registering the facts in the towns, and the agency by which they shall be returned, digested, arranged, published and spread before the people. We have had a trigonometrical survey that has drawn out the topography and boundaries of our towns, the height of our elevations, and the course of our rivers; we have had a geological survey that has figured to us the structure and formation of our soil, and pointed out the probable mineral worth of every place; we have had an agricultural survey, designed to reveal the physical resources of our lands, and to teach our farmers where and by what means crops of grain and grass may be produced in greatest abundance and at the cheapest rate, where and how sheep can be best and cheapest raised, hogs fattened and cattle maintained; we have had a zoological survey which presents the names, localities and habits of beasts, birds, fishes, insects and reptiles, which exist in this Commonwealth; and we rejoice that such surveys have been made. It was for the good of the people that they were undertaken, and they reflect high honor on those who instituted them.

But while we have all these surveys and maps, pointing out the boundaries of our counties and towns, the localities of our mineral wealth, the best lands for farming and the production of domestic animals, and the existence of noxious and innoxious wild animals, we may ask where is the sanitary map which points out the healthy and unhealthy localities in the State, which will reveal to our people where and how human life can best be sustained and longest continued,

and where and how human energy and productive power can be best brought to bear upon the culture and development of the sources of wealth in the State? Have we not said by such legislation that our cattle and our hogs are of more value than the lives of ourselves and our children? Have we not extended to the brute, whose worth is measured by dollars and cents, a species of legislation which has been withheld from man, who is of immeasurable value? When compared to investigations into the physical condition of man, all other investigations dwindle into insignificance.

The following sensible remarks on this subject are quoted from a review of *Dunglison on Human Health*, in the *American Journal of the Medical Sciences*, published in Philadelphia, for April last, a most able quarterly periodical work:—

“What our governments, either national or state, have done for the health of the people is unknown to us. If they have enacted any laws, or taken any measures to prevent the beginning and the growth, in this country, of the lamentable state of things that has been shown to exist in regard to the poor of Europe, they have escaped our notice. They have done almost every thing else; but this they have left undone. They have legislated for property, but not for life. They have cared for the lands, the cattle, the money of their constituents, but not for their health and longevity. They have held out encouragements for the people to raise the largest crops, the strongest horses, the fattest hogs, and the most active silk-worms; in short, for the greatest productive power of land or beast, but nothing is done for the great producer, the owner, director and enjoyer of all. Congress has surveyed the public lands, and ascertained how much and what sort of crops can be raised upon them; and urged their fruitfulness as a motive for people to buy and settle upon them; but whether these settlers are to live or to die upon those lands, is not thought worth the inquiry. They have taken pains to inquire at how much cost of capital and machinery, and of labor, horse-power and steam-power, of men-power, mines can be wrought, cloth can be made, and ships can be sailed; but how much cost of life, how much deterioration of health and strength are necessary for these operations, these have not received any examination. Whether our manufacturing population is sinking to the weakness and depravity of the operatives of Manchester, or are yet as healthy and live as long as men and women in other employments; these are matters which our governments ought to inquire into, but which they have not regarded.

“Massachusetts is the only State that has provided for the Registration of Births and Deaths, and the causes of mortality. And even this law is not completely enforced. The only attempt which the national government has made to gather any facts in regard to the sanitary condition of the people, was an inquiry into the number of the deaf and dumb, the blind and the insane, at the enumeration of 1840. And these facts were so carelessly gathered and faithlessly published, as to be worse than useless.

“The same diversity of physical and sanitary condition, which is shown to exist among the rich and the poor of Britain, is also found here in this favored land. We have examined a few towns, and our facts corroborate those of Mr. Chadwick. The difference of domestic condition and of longevity between the comfortable and the straitened classes is not so wide here as it is there, but it is none the less certain. In Dorchester, Mass., the poor averaged 27 years, and the prosperous farmers 45 years of life. In Concord and Brooklyn, a similar differ-

ence was shown. This partial dealing of death with his subjects is evinced the most among the children. Among the poor of Dorchester, 32 per cent. of all the deaths were under two years of age; among the richer, only 12 per cent. died at that age. On the other hand, 27 per cent. of the prosperous, and only 9 per cent. of the unprosperous, reached or passed their threescore and ten years. These facts show that there is, at least, a field of inquiry almost untouched in America, but which we commend to the paternal care of our government to investigate and ascertain the extent of the evils, and the discrepancies which are found in the three towns above-named."

It is melancholy to think that out of 30,761 persons, whose ages are known and embraced in the Reports for the past 4 years, 13,154 died under 20 years of age; and before they had attained their full maturity of life; more melancholy that this great mortality among the young is increasing from year to year; and more melancholy still, that it is owing to circumstances which are mostly within the control of the people, and are partly preventable, if known and understood.

It may seem strange that any attempt should be made to estimate in money what money did not procure, and cannot restore if taken away; yet the inclination of some people is to estimate every measure by the profit or loss in dollars and cents which it will produce, rather than by any general good it affords to humanity. These considerations justify the remarks I propose now to make.

Looking at this subject, then, merely in a pecuniary point of view, and upon man merely as a producer, who is to add to the wealth of the State, we must consider this subject of Registration and its consequent developments, as having a most important bearing upon its prosperity. In this view, man may be regarded as worth so much to the State as his power of production exceeds the cost of his maintenance. We may look upon all expenditures for his support and education, during infancy and childhood, as so much capital invested, which may be made profitable, when he shall receive his full development and productive power. The death of all children may be considered a loss equal to the whole cost of their previous maintenance. Some persons open family accounts with every child, and can at any time show the expenses incurred. It may be below the truth to estimate the average annual expenses which each child in the State incurs, at \$50.

The population of Massachusetts may now be estimated at 800,000. From the returns of deaths received, I have estimated the whole number of deaths in the State last year to have been 14,000, which is nearly 1 in 57, or 1.75 per cent. of the population. Of these 14,000, there died at least 6,000 children and youth under 15 years of age. Estimating the average ages of the whole of these in the same proportion as those actually known, it will give for each about 4 years, or 24,000 years of life for all. This, at \$50 a year, amounts to \$1,200,000 as the cost of their maintenance. And all this sum was lost to the State last year by premature deaths, before any return could be made for it. Can any one doubt that half, at least, might have been saved by proper knowledge and care?

The proportionate number of deaths among the young has been increasing for several years past in this country, as our investigations prove; and we see no reason to believe it will be less, until more knowledge is diffused in regard to the laws of life and the liability to death, under different circumstances. This immense loss of the productive power of the State, may be considered as an

annual tax, which the people must pay every year, until they find out and use the means of prevention.

It has been said that the strength and dignity of a nation consist not in its lands, its houses, its wealth,—but in its people. And I have already stated, that that people is most prosperous which contains the greatest proportionate number of the productive age. In the above calculation, we have not taken into account the loss sustained by the death of those belonging to this age. This would greatly swell the amount of loss. We have stated that by care and attention the late Dr. Ripley probably added 50 years to his life. We are now considering, time as money, labor as money, *life as money*, and not the real, moral value of that good man's services. Estimating then this time to be worth \$1.00 per day, or \$300 per annum, the 50 years of life were worth \$15,000, and that sum was saved by the prolongation of his life. The deaths in this State last year, as we have estimated, were 14,000. Of these, 5,000 probably died between 15 and 60 years of age. Let us suppose that by proper knowledge of the laws of health and a proper care in obeying these laws, 5 years might, on the average, have been added to each of their lives,—and this seems not an extravagant supposition, —then we should have saved, instead of losing, as we have done, 25,000 years of life, which, estimated to be worth in this adult age, only \$150 a year, would have produced \$3,750,000! And this loss must be annual!

There is still another view of this great subject. William Farr, Esq., one of the ablest writers on Vital Statistics of the age, stated in McCulloch's Statistical Account of the British Empire, that "when 1 person in 100 dies annually, 2 are constantly sick; although this exact relation is, perhaps, not preserved in infancy and old age, or where the rate of mortality deviates from the standard, it may be safely assumed as a near approximation to the truth." This principle may be more simply expressed thus: The proportion of persons constantly sick in a population, is double the annual proportion per cent., which the deaths bear to the living in that population. According to the estimate already given, the proportion of deaths to the population in Massachusetts was 1 in 57, or 1.75 per cent. Double this per centage, and we have 3.5 as the proportion per cent.; and this proportion of 300,000 is 28,000, the actual number constantly sick in this State.

Sickness occasions a two-fold loss; one for the time and labor of the sick, and the other for the nursing, medical attendance, medicine, and other expenses, which they require. The first may be estimated at \$50, and the second at \$150, or \$200 per annum for both, which multiplied by the 28,000, give a total annual loss by sickness of \$5,600,000! It is supposed that half of this sickness is preventable, and that half of this enormous sum might be saved if the laws of health were properly understood and obeyed.

We might save then—

By diminishing the mortality of infancy and childhood,	\$600,000
By prolonging the lives of adults,	3,750,000
By preserving the general health and diminishing sickness,	2,800,000
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Making, according to this view, an annual total saving of	\$7,150,000

This amounts in ten years to \$71,500,000, or about *one quarter of all the property of the Commonwealth*, according to the valuation of 1840!

This is a pecuniary view of the subject. But, however striking it may appear, it deserves not to be mentioned, when contrasted with another, which presents itself. The amount of widowhood and orphanage which death occasions, and the poverty and suffering which often accompany them, may be estimated by the community or individual who contributes to their relief. Man may be convinced that vast losses are annually incurred by neglect of health, and that any sums expended to prevent them would be a capital invested, on which an enormous interest would be paid, by diminishing the sickness and mortality and increasing the productive labor of the people. But who can estimate, in dollars and cents, the care, anxiety and suffering, mental and physical, which the premature sickness or death of a husband or wife, a father or mother, a son or daughter, a brother or sister, a friend or connexion, may occasion? Who can tell how much even one such death, by blighting earthly hopes, impairs the vital energies of the living, and accelerates the approach of another? The mental anguish and physical suffering which sickness and death produce, may possibly be feebly figured to one's own imagination, but their full force must lie concealed in the mind of each individual sufferer.

But we would not rest our reasons in favor of Registration on any pecuniary view of the subject. Man is not a mere producer—a mere machine. His life or death, his happiness or misery are much too high objects upon which to place a pecuniary value. He is more nicely made, more wonderfully organized, requires to be guarded with more care from any influence that may surround him, to produce disorganization and unfit him for use, is capable of higher and more noble purposes, and has a higher and more noble destiny; and in proportion as in each of these he exceeds a mere machine, in such proportion ought we to regard his intellectual and moral nature, and the means used to preserve and develop his physical powers to enable him best to accomplish the great purposes of his intellectual and moral existence.

This is a matter of great magnitude. It deserves that full illustration which could only be derived from facts preserved and gathered from every part of the State. "As there is a poverty that is self-inflicted, and may be self-removed," says a late writer, "so there is a certain amount of disease and annual mortality in every place that is self-inflicted; and the community that does not strive by every available means to reduce its disease and mortality bills to the lowest sum of human suffering, and the lowest rate of annual mortality, is as guilty of suicide as the individual who takes with his own hands the life God has given, and hurries unbidden into the presence of his Judge."

It may be asked, what can the government do to arrest the hand of death? We do not suppose that an act of the Legislature can compel a child to live, or an adult to keep his energies in a healthy state of action. But it is as certain that human life may be prolonged by knowledge and care, as it is that an ox will fatten, a silk worm spin its thread, or a plant thrive, better, where knowledge and care are bestowed, than where they are not. Let the facts which the Registry System proposes to collect concerning Births, Deaths and Marriages, and the circumstances which attend them, be collected, digested, arranged, published and diffused annually, and their effects on the living energies of the people would be incalculable. They would be an annual lesson on the laws of human life in their operation among ourselves—a kind of *Practical Physiology* taught in all our towns and at our

firesides—and hence, far more instructive and impressive than any derived from books. They would teach our people how to understand human life, and how to improve, prolong and make it happy. They would also teach a highly important moral lesson. Registration would sometimes operate as a check upon vice, and it would lead our people so “to *number* our days as to apply our hearts unto wisdom.” It behooves the State to develop and preserve its productive power—the lives and health of the people—as much as possible, and search out those causes which tend to blast it in its bud, or wither it in its ripeness.

These are not the speculations of a visionary theorist, but the legitimate deductions from serious, sober facts. We are not a theorist—an experimentalist. We have no sympathy with the opinions of some modern reformers, who seem to be governed by theories founded on uncertain, partial data, or vague conjecture. We are a statist—a dealer in facts. We wish to ascertain the laws of human life, developed by the natural constitution of our bodies, as they actually exist under the influences that surround them, and to learn how far they may be favorably modified and improved. This can only be done by an accurate knowledge of the facts that are daily occurring among us. These matters are important to the physician to aid him in curing the sick, but far more important to the people to aid them in *learning how to live without being sick*; and they deserve the serious consideration of all persons in this Commonwealth.

To show that these matters are practicable, we cite the example of other governments. In most European states, facts of this kind are registered and collected in a careful, systematic manner, not for the purpose of aiding any police regulations, as some have erroneously supposed, but for the physical benefit of the people. And, whatever we Americans may say to the contrary, the average longevity in many places where these measures have been in operation, appears greater than with us.

Geneva was one of the earliest cities to establish a system of Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths. The Registers were begun as early as 1549, and have since been continued with great care. They are viewed as preappointed evidences of civil rights. The registration includes the name of the disease which caused the death, entered by a district physician, who is charged by the State with the inspection of every person who dies within his district. A second table is made up from certificates setting forth the nature of the disease, with a specification of the symptoms, and observations required to be made by the private physician who may have had the care of the diseased. These registers have been frequently examined. I have before me the results of an examination made by Edward Mallet, a very able work, published in the “*Annales D’Hygienne*.” From this work it appears that human life has wonderfully improved since these registers were kept. The number of years which it was probable that every individual born would live, appears in the different periods as follows :

Period.	Years.	Months.	Days.	Rate of Increase.
1550 to 1600	8	7	26	100
1600 to 1700	13	3	16	153
1701 to 1750	27	9	13	321
1751 to 1800	31	3	5	361
1801 to 1813	40	8	10	470
1814 to 1833	45	0	29	521

Showing that the mean duration of life has increased more than five times during these periods!

The progression of the population and increased duration of life has been attended by a progression in happiness. As prosperity advanced marriages became fewer and later. The proportion of births were reduced, but a greater number of the infants born were preserved, and the proportion of the population in manhood became greater. In the early ages, the excessive mortality was accompanied by an excessive fecundity. In the last ten years of the 17th century a marriage still produced more than five children; the probable duration of life attained was not 20 years. Towards the end of the 18th century, there was scarcely three children to a marriage, and the probabilities exceeded 32 years. At the present time, a marriage only produces 2½ children, and the probability of life is 45 years.

Geneva has arrived at a high state of civilization. The real productive power of the population has increased in a much greater proportion than the increase in its actual number. The absolute number of the population has only doubled during three centuries; but the value of the population—the productive power, has more than doubled upon the mere numerical increase. In other words, a population of 27,000 in which the probability of life is 40 years for each individual, is more than twice as strong for the purposes of production, as a population of 27,000, in which the probability or value of life was only 20 years for each individual.

This wonderful improvement is attributed, among other things, by M. Mallet, to the information obtained, rendering the science of public health better known and understood; to larger, better and cleaner dwellings; to more abundant and more healthy food; and to a better regulated public and private life. He cites an instance of the effects of regimen in the preservation of life, where 86 orphans had been reared in one establishment in 24 years, and one only of whom had died. They were taken from the poor, among whom the average mortality was six times as great.

We have been accustomed to cite the example of Prussia as worthy of imitation in the measures she has taken to promote the intellectual advancement of her people; but her measures to advance their physical energy and power deserve equal if not greater praise. Every fact there is gathered with great care under the direction of a central officer at Berlin, and arranged and published for the benefit of the people. Not long since I received from M. Hoffman, the director of the Statistical Bureau at Berlin, a paper on the Average Length of Life in the Prussian States, two extracts from which, translated from the German, I propose to present to show how these things are managed under that government. I have also other similar papers detailing the births, marriages and deaths.

The first extract is designed to illustrate the principle of the average length of life, and to show its operation under different circumstances, and the manner in which it was obtained in Prussia.

“The average length of life from birth up, will be found expressed in years and fractions of years, if we divide the number of the living by the mean proportion of annual deaths. For example, if among 1,000 there annually die, upon an average, 25, then the average length of life will be 40 years: that is, these 1,000 persons, taken together, live 40,000 years, and to each one of them, in the average, falls a life of 40 years, different as the length of life among indi-

viduals may actually be. The same result may arise in very different ways. A great many may die early, and yet the few survivors live so long, that still the average for each among the thousand will be 40 years ; or the great majority may attain to but a little above or below forty years, and very few die early or live to a great age. If, for example, 600 were to die so early as to average only 12 years apiece, or altogether 7,200 years, still an average of 40 years might result for the whole 1,000, if the other 400, taken together, were to live 32,800 years, or on an average 82 years each. But the same average length of life for the 1,000 would occur, if the first mentioned 600 should reach, on the average, 36 years each, or, all together, 21,600 years ; then the other 400, taken together, would live only 18,400 years, giving an average of only 46 years to each individual. It is clear that the condition of human society would be a very different thing, according as one or the other of the above hypotheses should be realized. Consequently, observations of this sort are particularly instructive, when the mean duration of life is reckoned, not merely from birth up, but also from certain other remarkable points in the course of human life. The age of those who die is commonly given, and hence it is easily possible to determine the number of those who died after the completion of a certain age. Thus, by comparing the annual entries upon the records in the Prussian States, we see how many died after the completion of their 1st, 2d, 5th, 7th, 10th, 14th, 20th, 25th year, and then again, from 5 to 5 years until the completion of the 90th year. With these aids it has become possible to ascertain the mean duration of human life, for the last named and peculiarly important divisions of life. This must be done separately for each of the sexes, since remarkable differences appear between them. It is known that for 100 girls, 105 or 106 boys are born, but this excess generally dies away during the first year of life ; hence from birth up the mean duration of the male sex appears smaller than that of the female ; but this difference, for the most part, vanishes in the mean duration for those over one year, which is found to be considerably greater, than that for the newly born, because they have already happily survived the first and most dangerous year of life. The mean duration for those over 14 is for the most part not very different from the mean duration for those over one year old ; the diseases of childhood are past at the close of the 14th year, and this increases the hope of life ; but then the 14th year completes a fifth part of the natural term of life, if we reckon it at seventy, and this again diminishes the hope of living. For those over 60, the mean duration of life in most of the provinces is not much under ten years, sometimes a little more.

“The difference of the mean duration of life in the different divisions of the Prussian States is very considerable ; and it is by no means sufficient to estimate the same for each governmental district separately, for many districts consist of very unequal parts, which were only put together because singly they were too small to bear the expense of separate local governments. Accordingly, by comparing neighboring circles of similar soil and population, seventy divisions have been formed, for which the average length of life of the inhabitants is estimated below. We adopt that division of the State-domain into provincial (*landsrätliche*) circles, which existed at the reception of the statistical tables at the end of the year 1834 ; later changes in the territorial boundaries could not here be regarded. The averages have been drawn, from the 15 years, from the beginning of the year 1820 to the end of 1834 : that is, from the same years with the comparative statement of births and deaths.”

The Prussian States are divided into three principal divisions, nine sections, and seventy subdivisions, in which are classed the towns, or "circles," as they are there called, and the average duration of life in each subdivision is calculated. The extract given below is the entire account of one section, containing eight subdivisions.

"C. Third section, comprising the southern part of Upper Lusatia, all Middle Silesia, and Upper Silesia, west of the Oder.

Div. 1. Circ. Görlitz and Bunzlau.

" 2. " Kainau-Goldberg, Liegnitz, Jauer and Striegau.

" 3. " Neumarkt, Wohlau, Militsch, Trebnitz, Oels, Breslau, Ohlau and Brieg.

" 4. " Strehlen, Nimptsch and Münsterberg.

" 5. " Reichenbach, Schweidnitz, Waldenburg, Bolkenhain, Landshut, Kirschberg, Schönau, Lowenberg and Lauban.

" 6. " Frankenstein, Glatz, and Kabelschwerdt.

" 7. " Neustadt, Falkenberg, Neisse and Grottkau.

" 8. " Ratibor and Leobschütz.

The whole embraces 397.75 geographical square miles, and the population amounted, at the

Beginning of 1820 to	1,422,694
End of 1834 to	1,681,250

Making an average, to the square mile, at the

Beginning of 1820, of	3577
End of 1834, of	4227

So that the population increased about 18 1-6 per cent. in the 15 years.

"This section contains, in the first place, the fertile and highly cultivated plain, which stretches away between lower Silesia and the mountains, and continues east of the Oder beyond the Trebnitz mountain and to the Partsch, where it is considerably poorer. Moreover, to it belongs the whole front, middle and highest part of the mountains as far as to the Austrian boundary, and to the southernmost point of Upper Silesia. By far the greatest part of the soil is here very fruitful, with the exception of the high mountainous parts, where the rougher climate and partly also the rocky soil is unfavorable to cultivation. The whole tract is occupied by Germans, except a few countries, in which the Polish speech and manners have passed over into the neighboring circles; but in the circles of Leobschütz and Ratibor there is a numerous colony of Moravians, who have preserved their provincial language and manners. The religion of the inhabitants in divisions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 is mainly evangelical, although a considerable number belong to the Catholic church; in division 6, 7, 8, on the contrary, the Catholic confession of faith prevails almost exclusively, and the few protestants for the most came in when the Prussians took possession in the year 1742. The mean duration of life here was:

(a) From birth up:

Div. 1.	For Males.		For Females.	
	37 years, 280 days.		41 years, 245 days.	
" 2.	32	" 26 "	35	" 10 "
" 3.	32	" 180 "	35	" 348 "
" 4.	36	" 198 "	39	" 166 "
" 5.	29	" 172 "	32	" 27 "
" 6.	31	" 176 "	34	" 234 "
" 7.	30	" 304 "	32	" 331 "
" 8.	26	" 140 "	27	" 99 "

(b) From the beginning of the 2d year, up :

	<i>For Males.</i>		<i>For Females.</i>	
Div. 1.	59 years,	27 days.	59 years,	112 days.
" 2.	52 "	53 "	51 "	230 "
" 3.	46 "	156 "	48 "	139 "
" 4.	53 "	228 "	53 "	59 "
" 5.	49 "	51 "	48 "	2 "
" 6.	47 "	170 "	47 "	55 "
" 7.	46 "	12 "	44 "	309 "
" 8.	37 "	189 "	35 "	209 "

(c) From the beginning of the 15th year, up :

Div. 1.	52 years,	124 days.	51 years,	265 days.
" 2.	49 "	214 "	48 "	278 "
" 3.	46 "	64 "	47 "	276 "
" 4.	50 "	27 "	49 "	167 "
" 5.	46 "	203 "	44 "	254 "
" 6.	44 "	162 "	42 "	129 "
" 7.	45 "	199 "	43 "	135 "
" 8.	40 "	47 "	36 "	61 "

(d) From the beginning of the 61st year, up :

Div. 1.	10 years,	57 days.	9 years,	161 days.
" 2.	9 "	157 "	8 "	227 "
" 3.	9 "	69 "	9 "	208 "
" 4.	10 "	92 "	9 "	201 "
" 5.	9 "	108 "	8 "	245 "
" 6.	9 "	284 "	7 "	358 "
" 7.	8 "	346 "	8 "	66 "
" 8.	7 "	250 "	7 "	12 "

Can any one doubt the great value of such calculations, if applied to the different sections of Massachusetts, and made from the correct data which a Registry system would give?

England has had a Registry system in operation since 1838, as we have before stated, and it has already developed facts of the utmost importance to that nation and the world. Among other results, it has led to the adoption of measures for the relief of unhealthy districts. It has also afforded the means of forming a Life Table, showing the mean duration or expectation of life in England, which is of very great value. I extract the following interesting account of that table from the Fifth Registration Report.

"In the years 1840-1, a million children (1,014,461) were born in England, and their births were registered; if the mortality should remain the same, the Life Table will enable us to follow this million, and to determine how many will be alive, and how many will die, through the several years of the next century, until they have all 'returned to the earth from which they came,' and been replaced by other generations destined to pursue the same rounds of life. To bring the observation within narrower limits, let us take 100,000 as the basis of the observation; and from the proportions of the two sexes registered, it will be found that 51,274 of them were boys, 48,726 girls. And here it will be recollected that they are not government annuitants—nor persons who have assured their lives—nor selected lives—nor the inhabitants of any particular town—but the children of all ranks and classes of Englishmen; some of them born in halls and palaces,

and surrounded by all the luxuries and conveniences of life; others born in huts on the mountain side, in the cellars of ill-constructed cities, in lodging-houses, in cottages, farm-houses, or such dwellings as our towns afford. Let it be assumed that the 100,000 were all born on the same day—the 1st of January, 1841; and that the survivors, counted on the first day of 1842, 1843, and of every year for the next 100 years, will exist in the numbers against the respective ages of the table, which I shall call the English Life Table.

Of the 100,000 children born, according to the supposition, on January 1st, 1841, 85,369 were alive on January 1, 1842. They were exactly a year old, and are placed against the age "1" of the table. 14,631 perished in the first year, the fourth part of them in the first month of life. This is a smaller proportion of deaths than people have been led to suppose occur in the first year; but the facts leave it undoubted that at least this number of children survived in 1841 out of 100,000 born. On January 1, 1843, the survivors were two years old, and in number 80,102; 5,267 died in the second year. On January 1, 1846, the 5th birthday will be attained, and there will be 74,201 living. In the first five years, therefore, 25,799 of the 100,000 children born, die; during this period, when they are at home and under the care of the mother, and encounter the contagious diseases which beset the beginning of life, their safety depends very much upon the power of the parents to supply them with food and raiment—upon the mother's watchfulness and cleanliness—upon the air they are doomed to respire in imprisoned courts and alleys, or in the fresh open atmosphere of healthy country districts. During the next 5 years, when they leave home more, and when great numbers pass part of the day at school, the mortality becomes less considerable; 70,612 are alive at the age of 10; and from 10 to 15, when those "who labor with their hands" begin to follow the plough—enter the factory—or descend the mine—the loss of life remains small; 68,627 will live to the age of 15. At this age the loss of life among girls is rather greater than the loss of life among boys, and it continues so for the next five years, when both sexes are more detached from the care of their parents, and the majority pursue the professions or trades by which they afterwards gain a livelihood. The mortality appears to increase rather rapidly from 12 to 15; and then at a slow regular rate from 15 to 55 years; 66,059 attain the age of 20. It was observed that 51,274 boys were born alive to 48,726 girls; but the mortality in infancy is greater among boys than girls; so that 31,958 males attain the age of twenty-five and 31,623 females attain the age of twenty-four. This is about the average age of marriage in England; and the number of the two sexes is then nearly equal. About four-fifths of the males who attain the age of manhood marry; the proportion of women who marry being the same. It might have been supposed that the peculiar danger which women encounter at this age enhances their mortality; it does so, but less than the mortality of males is increased: 50,301 of the 100,000 persons born attain the age of forty-five; namely, 25,311 men, and 24,990 women. The chance of living from 25 to 45 is rather in favor of English women. The violent deaths of men on the rivers, and the sea-coast, in mines, in the streets, in travelling, in their dangerous occupations; the mental agitations and anxieties, terminating unhappily sometimes in suicide—the accumulation of workmen in ill-ventilated shops, or the hard exhausting work of the agricultural laborer, independently of war, and service in unhealthy climates, counterbalance the dangers and sorrows of

child-bearing. At the age of 55, this generation will have given birth to, and brought up the generation by which it is to be succeeded; a more rapid rate of mortality will then set in, and more than a thousand die every year; yet 37,996 will be alive at the age of 60, and 24,531 attain the age of 70—11,823 men, and 12,708 women—the mortality of women being less than that of men after 55. The mental faculties, ripened and developed by experience, will not protect the frame from the accelerated and insidious progress of decay; the toil of the laborer the wear and tear of the artisan, the exhausting passions, the struggles and strains of intellect, and, more than all these, the natural falling off of vitality, will reduce the numbers to 9,398 by the age of 80. After the age of 80 the observations grow uncertain; but if we admit their accuracy, 1,140 will attain the age of 90; 16 will be centenarians; and of the 100,000, one man and one woman—like the lingering barks of an innumerable convoy—will reach their distant haven in 105 years, and die in 1945.

‘Crebrescunt optatæ auræ, portusque patescit
Jam propior.’”

I have thus far considered those advantages only which would result to the physical welfare of the people from a system of Registration. There are very many personal advantages which might be mentioned and illustrated. It has been well said, that “*it is fully as necessary for the preservation of the rights of individuals to preserve a register of births, marriages, and deaths, as it is to preserve a register of deeds.*” But I have extended my communication already too far, and must restrain an inclination to go into this part of the subject.

The effort of Massachusetts to establish a Registry System is highly commended in various places. The American Journal of Medical Sciences, of July, 1844, already referred to, in noticing the Second Annual Report, after speaking of the general defects of Registration, says: “So far as we know, Massachusetts is the first of the States to set about correcting this deficiency. In doing so, she deserves all praise, as well as for the intelligence displayed by her Legislature in effecting numerous other important objects.” “When the States generally shall have followed the enlightened example of Massachusetts, an amount of data will be amassed, from which the most important results must be deduced.” Again, in noticing last April the Third Report, that journal speaks of the measure as “reflecting such high credit upon the State of Massachusetts—a measure which places her far above the other States of the Union.” “There are some obstacles in the way of obtaining correct information, which the enlightened gentlemen who regulate the affairs of Massachusetts will doubtless overcome in due time. The present age owes them much for what they have accomplished, and the promising commencement will lead to the most valuable result. May other States soon follow the example of Massachusetts by making provisions for similar reports!”

The American Almanac, for 1846, contains a favorable notice of the last Annual Report, and highly commends the example of Massachusetts. I close this communication with an extract from the Fifth Report of the Registrar General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, in England:—

“The census has been taken with regularity in the United States of America, but abstracts of the Register of deaths have only been published by the cities of

Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and some of the more advanced towns. No correct life table can therefore be framed for the population of America, until they adopt, in addition to the census, the system of Registration which exists in European States. Since the English Life Table has now been framed from the necessary data, I venture to express a hope, that the facts may be collected and abstracted, from which Life Tables for other nations can be constructed. A comparison of the duration of successive generations in England, France, Prussia, Austria, Russia, America, and other States, would throw much light on the physical condition of the respective populations, and suggest to scientific and benevolent individuals in every country, and to the governments, many ways of diminishing the sufferings, and ameliorating the health and condition of the people; for the longer life of a nation denotes more than it does in an individual—a happier life—a life more exempt from sickness and infirmity—a life of greater energy and industry, of greater experience and wisdom. By these comparisons, a noble national emulation might be excited; and rival nations would read of sickness diminished, deformity banished, life saved—of victories over death and the grave—with as much enthusiasm as of victories over each other's armies in the field; and the triumph of one would not be the humiliation of the other; for in his contention none could loose territory, or honor, or blood, but all would gain strength."

Let Massachusetts perfect the measures she has already begun; and thus take the lead in efforts to improve the physical condition of her population, and to reduce the mass of human misery they suffer. She will then set an example worthy of imitation by all her sister States.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your obedient servant,

LEMUEL SHATTUCK.

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ANNUAL REPORT
TO THE
LEGISLATURE,
RELATING TO THE
REGISTRY AND RETURNS
OF
BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS,
IN
MASSACHUSETTS.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30TH, 1846.

BY JOHN G. PALFREY,
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE; November 14th, 1846.

*To the Honorable Senate
and House of Representatives :*

Agreeably to a provision of the Act of 1844, Chapter 159, I have the honor to report the following statement and tabular results of the Registry and Returns of Births, Marriages and Deaths, for the Registration year ending April 30th, 1846.

The number of the Births, Marriages and Deaths returned from the several towns is, in the first place, exhibited in full, with the population of the towns according to the census of 1840, and a recapitulation of the same classes of facts, summed up according to counties (pp. 3—11). The returns of the two preceding years since the enactment of the present law serve to elucidate its operation. The last returns of Births, Marriages and Deaths are more full than those of either of the previous years. The number of births returned, is as 1 to 39 inhabitants (according to the census of 1840), excluding the population of Boston; the number of marriages as 1 to 122, and of deaths as 1 to 69. The absence of returns from the city of Boston, comprising not far from one seventh part of the population of the Commonwealth, still presents the same important chasm as heretofore. The returns from Roxbury, in Norfolk county, and from Abington, in Plymouth, were made too late to be incorporated into the tables. Those from Roxbury were received before the printing was begun, and as their insertion in the tabular statement required no alteration, except in the footing of the columns, they are entered in their place on p. 8. The returns from Abington represent 91 Births, 31 Marriages, and 40 Deaths; the population, in 1840, was 3214.

Copious extracts from the communications of the town clerks are presented in the body of notes appended to the synopsis of

returns (pp. 13—29). The towns which failed to make returns are specified at the end of the notes, under the heads of the several counties.

The town clerks have sometimes returned the names of inhabitants, whose deaths have taken place elsewhere. When the death is represented to have occurred in some other town of the Commonwealth, the entry has been transferred to that town. When elsewhere, it has been omitted, except cases of death at sea, or in a foreign port.

Table I, in two parts, relates to births. The first part (p. 31) exhibits the number of male and female children, and of those whose sex is not reported, born respectively in the several months and in the several counties. The second part (p. 32) exhibits the cases of more than one child at a birth, arranged under the heads of months, counties, and sex.

Table II, in two parts, relates to marriages. The first part (p. 33) records the number of marriages solemnized, in each month, in each county of the Commonwealth. The second part (pp. 34—36) records the facts important to be observed in statistical tables, in relation to the ages and conditions of parties to marriage.

Tables III, IV, and V relate to deaths.

Table III, in four parts, records the causes of death. In the first part (pp. 37—44), against the names of the respective diseases, alphabetically arranged, is recorded the number of persons who died of the same during the year, with a specification of the sex, proximate age, month of decease, and place of birth, so far as to distinguish between natives of the American town where they died, other Americans, and foreigners. The second part (pp. 45—50), against the names of the diseases, scientifically arranged, presents the number of deaths therefrom, in the several counties.

The third part of Table III (pp. 51—54) presents a synopsis of the number of deaths from each disease, or other cause, which took place, according to the returns, in 1846, and the two preceding years respectively. The proportion of the number of each class, in each year, to the number of 10,000, is carried out in three other columns, affording the means of a perfect comparison of the proportional mortality from different causes, so far as the returns furnish the requisite materials. The fourth part of the same table (p. 55), under the heads of the respective counties, exhibits

the returns of stillborn children, with a specification of the sex.

Table IV (pp. 56—60), designed to illustrate the influence of occupation on longevity, exhibits the number, and average age at the time of death, of persons engaged respectively in the different employments of life, as shown by the returns of 1846, and the two preceding years.

Table V (p. 61), designed to furnish some illustration of the influence of domestic condition on longevity, exhibits, against each county, an abstract of the returns of the number, sex, and age of persons deceased in the last registration year, under the divisions of single, married and widowed.

Which is respectfully submitted by

JOHN G. PALFREY, *Secretary.*

REGISTRATION
OF
BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS
IN
MASSACHUSETTS.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS,

*Returned to the Secretary's Office, for the three years ending April
30th, 1844, 1845 and 1846.*

COUNTIES AND TOWNS.	Population in 1840.	BIRTHS.			MARRIAGES.			DEATHS.		
		1844.	1845.	1846.	1844.	1845.	1846.	1844.	1845.	1846.
SUFFOLK.										
Boston,	93,383									
Chelsea,	2,390	111	147	134	29	22	29	88	94	30
Totals,	95,773	111	147	134	29	22	29	88	94	30
ESSEX.										
Amesbury,	2,471	48	50	50	11	11	19	18	35	48
Andover,	5,207	148	116	162	19	30	30	65	85	75
Beverly,	4,689	.	.	109	.	.	46	.	.	61
Boxford,	942	35	18	34	11	7	10	7	12	11
Bradford,	2,222	45	55	41	8	14	17	34	24	44
Danvers,	5,020	159	194	208	51	50	61	86	89	97
Essex,	1,450	28	19	39	8	11	17	15	17	22
Georgetown,	1,540	46	56	47	15	14	18	18	15	16
Gloucester,	6,350	167	229	192	72	52	79	106	121	139
Hamilton,	818	16	16	24	4	9	12	18	18	11
Haverhill,	4,336	.	106	104	37	38	41	78	74	58
Ipswich,	3,000	52	.	2	19	27	22	64	42	54
Lynn,	9,367	.	296	335	.	90	94	.	200	206
Lynnfield,	707	20	15	24	1	3	10	7	11	15
Manchester,	1,355	45	54	45	7	20	11	29	40	43
Marblehead,	5,575	194	164	207	43	66	41	115	118	102
Methuen,	2,251	69	46	71	23	16	27	28	49	38
Middleton,	657	18	17	18	3	5	4	11	9	11
Newbury,	3,789	33	8	67	9	20	26	55	31	49
Newburyport,	7,161	189	227	220	62	67	99	114	115	114
Rockport,	2,650	72	78	87	23	27	21	54	31	38
Rowley,	1,203	32	19	24	6	7	7	20	18	20
Salem,	15,082	3	225	265	94	122	134	260	244	297
Salisbury,	2,739	54	56	60	23	21	20	28	39	51
Saugus,	1,098	28	32	35	5	8	13	21	15	14
Topsfield,	1,059	16	34	35	9	9	10	21	23	18
Wenham,	689	19	14	17	9	6	7	6	10	8
West Newbury,	1,560	45	29	5	11	8	12	14	19	13
Totals,	94,987	1581	2175	2527	583	758	906	1292	1504	1673

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS—*Continued.*

COUNTIES AND TOWNS.	Population in 1840.	BIRTHS.			MARRIAGES.			DEATHS.		
		1844.	1845.	1846.	1844.	1845.	1846.	1844.	1845.	1846.
MIDDLESEX.										
Acton,	1121	13	7	.	8	14	8	22	22	18
Ashby,	1246	24	.	7	3	8	5	23	26	15
Ashland, . . . . .	.	.	.	13	.	.	3	.	.	1
Bedford,	929	27	27	23	6	11	6	20	17	13
Billerica,	1632	44	54	32	10	18	13	21	17	25
Boxborough,	426	13	9	8	3	3	2	5	5	6
Brighton,	1425	56	60	50	5	8	16	17	24	22
Burlington,	510	8	16	13	3	3	2	9	4	3
Cambridge,	8409	364	354	342	80	74	73	139	110	155
Carlisle,	556	10	11	12	6	4	4	8	9	7
Charlestown and } Somerville,	11,484	321	387	482	97	142	139	192	228	268
Chelmsford,	1607	56	50	36	11	13	8	2	13	15
Concord,	1784	39	44	56	9	17	15	25	27	21
Dracut,	2188	74	71	.	12	15	.	2	.	5
Dunstable,	603	7	11	9	1	3	.	9	10	5
Frammingham,	3030	91	78	98	24	32	10	50	14	21
Groton,	2139	57	59	54	13	15	14	44	50	44
Holliston,	1782	56	41	62	13	14	7	24	38	26
Hopkinton,	2245	63	65	74	12	28	21	11	41	25
Lexington,	1642	36	30	31	4	12	12	2	16	18
Lincoln,	686	4	5	15	6	5	4	.	4	4
Littleton,	927	4	.	2	6	.	8	9	.	18
Lowell,	20,796	598	664	656	307	397	407	348	309	430
Malden,	2514	85	86	71	21	14	21	37	47	46
Marlborough,	2101	52	53	48	20	28	19	30	25	36
Medford,	2478	57	78	90	34	33	25	44	36	42
Natick,	1285	45	51	54	15	15	11	20	31	20
Newton,	3351	2	4	7	8	20	9	30	26	74
Pepperell,	1571	29	38	39	15	12	7	21	20	14
Reading,	2193	69	60	74	15	16	20	47	34	35
Sherburne,	995	19	17	23	10	8	11	14	9	10
Shirley,	957	29	38	27	7	8	6	17	18	13
South Reading,	1517	30	41	40	11	27	14	44	22	20
Stoneham,	1017	26	34	36	15	8	12	6	21	14
Stow,	1230	48	2	3	5	10	8	13	8	1
Sudbury,	1422	38	37	35	12	13	11	14	15	14
Tewksbury,	906	7	.	22	2	.	11	5	.	16
Townsend,	1892	39	53	39	7	8	6	25	25	28
Tyngsborough,	870	16	19	23	7	4	3	6	9	12
Waltham,	2504	75	61	60	27	24	41	43	35	35
Watertown,	1810	50	60	.	21	6	15	31	25	.
Wayland,	998	24	27	21	2	5	10	19	10	15
West Cambridge,	1368	.	48	42	.	.	26	.	.	21
Westford,	1436	18	12	14	4	8	4	17	14	10
Weston,	1092	28	18	22	7	8	8	18	14	13
Wilmington,	859	15	23	33	6	12	10	12	17	12
Woburn,	2993	46	94	119	32	42	34	50	53	61
Totals,	106,611	2814	3050	3011	949	1168	1119	1553	1506	1722

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS—Continued.

COUNTIES AND TOWNS.	Population in 1840.	BIRTHS.			MARRIAGES.			DEATHS.		
		1844.	1845.	1846.	1844.	1845.	1846.	1844.	1845.	1846.
WORCESTER.										
Ashburnham,	1652	58	32	49	18	10	11	34	38	25
Athol,	1591	46	51	45	15	8	13	19	33	32
Auburn,	649	13	23	16	4	6	6	7	5	10
Barre,	2751	. . .	68	64	19	12	27	43	35	40
Berlin,	763	24	24	13	1	5	5	16	9	7
Blackstone, . . . . .	. . .	. . .	63	93	. . .	1	22	. . .	. . .	34
Bolton,	1186	23	30	29	5	6	9	26	19	15
Boylston,	797	19	15	18	11	7	5	9	9	10
Brookfield,	2472	55	62	56	8	9	23	. . .	27	23
Charlton,	2117	6	9	6	16	11	14	43	30	27
Dana,	691	18	24	26	4	6	6	. . .	11	13
Douglas,	1617	49	. . .	48	3	. . .	19	14	. . .	24
Dudley,	1352	22	41	40	6	10	8	22	19	17
Fitchburg,	2604	76	91	85	25	37	34	3	56	73
Gardner,	1260	36	44	38	14	11	17	20	18	25
Grafton,	2943	79	111	115	36	28	24	55	54	52
Hardwick,	1789	50	33	29	6	18	15	19	30	30
Harvard,	1571	27	33	26	8	13	8	25	21	36
Holden,	1874	59	70	59	16	25	19	42	36	36
Hubbardston,	1784	58	33	52	14	17	14	41	28	34
Lancaster,	2019	21	7	9	16	17	27	42	17	16
Leicester,	1707	48	47	43	8	14	17	33	24	27
Leominster,	2069	69	64	61	17	11	18	49	28	40
Lunenburg,	1272	24	1	23	5	4	3	13	18	17
Mendon,	3524	129	33	38	19	17	4	21	48	18
Milford,	1773	84	61	56	19	43	37	42	43	31
Millbury,	2171	62	69	60	20	24	12	35	34	30
New Braintree,	752	17	10	8	3	6	2	10	9	13
North Brookfield,	1485	55	44	32	13	14	9	29	14	27
Northborough,	1248	26	29	10	15	19	13	22	22	17
Northbridge,	1449	35	46	49	13	13	25	23	46	25
Oakham,	1038	19	31	12	9	13	10	7	12	20
Oxford,	1742	39	53	36	12	16	22	32	31	31
Paxton,	670	20	24	27	10	5	4	13	15	13
Petersham,	1775	4	34	34	11	10	9	18	10	23
Phillipston,	919	23	16	21	8	6	4	8	10	13
Princeton,	1347	37	44	30	11	11	5	21	35	25
Royalston,	1667	31	44	36	9	13	12	23	19	32
Rutland,	1260	25	30	19	10	7	13	21	18	26
Shrewsbury,	1481	42	24	24	9	7	5	35	26	18
Southborough,	1145	22	32	19	8	14	14	21	22	26
Southbridge,	2031	10	29	55	15	20	23	41	22	38
Spencer,	1604	28	54	50	12	18	13	35	22	18
Sterling,	1647	50	38	40	9	18	11	32	6	30
Sturbridge,	2005	50	36	51	14	6	14	37	34	29
Sutton,	2370	48	52	66	23	22	21	17	45	45
Templeton,	1776	39	37	27	6	14	10	17	28	29
Upton,	1466	42	. . .	. . .	11	. . .	. . .	22	26	. . .
Uxbridge,	2004	57	58	62	14	21	27	35	42	48
Warren,	1290	41	35	42	7	8	9	33	23	22
Webster,	1403	50	57	44	11	6	10	33	18	23

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS—Continued.

COUNTIES AND TOWNS.	Population in 1840.	BIRTHS.			MARRIAGES.			DEATHS.		
		1844.	1845.	1846.	1844.	1845.	1846.	1844.	1845.	1846.
West Boylston, . . .	1187	37	33	47	11	16	14	16	29	29
Westborough, . . .	1658	41	39	39	10	14	7	15	38	38
Westminster, . . .	1645	5	52	54	6	13	10	20	23	44
Winchendon, . . .	1754	35	30	6	14	22	17	160	230	273
Worcester, . . .	7497	263	313	86	79	116	160	230	273	
Totals, . . .	95,313	2311	2116	2474	715	793	871	1469	1527	1734
HAMPSHIRE.										
Amherst, . . .	2550	74	76	77	17	19	25	57	54	51
Belchertown, . . .	2554	23	20	24	16	20	37	26	32	
Chesterfield, . . .	1132	7	4	5	16	15	16	15	6	
Cumington, . . .	1237	16	24	4	12	17	15	20	10	6
Easthampton, . . .	717	17	18	13	5	2	7	19	13	21
Enfield, . . .	976	13	17	26	7	7	15	12	13	15
Goshen, . . .	556	14	11	16	1	4	3	12	10	10
Granby, . . .	971	16	16	26	6	9	3	10	16	21
Greenwich, . . .	824	18	15	15	5	3	10	13	16	23
Hadley, . . .	1814	42	35	52	8	14	45	26	26	
Hatfield, . . .	933	26	28	20	4	3	4	19	14	19
Middlefield, . . .	1717	20	35	20	10	2	11	16	13	4
Northampton, . . .	3750	130	137	111	12	18	17	59	54	74
Norwich, . . .	750	26	14	20	9	2	1	18	27	7
Pelham, . . .	956	7	14	18	6	5	5	10	10	
Plainfield, . . .	910	2	13	6	3	13	10			
Prescott, . . .	780	49	44	48	11	7	14	22	19	32
South Hadley, . . .	1458	33	25	25	9	11	9	28	13	20
Southampton, . . .	1157	53	38	62	15	33	30	43	35	
Ware, . . .	1890	17	16	17	4	2	1	13	9	22
Westhampton, . . .	759	33	29	27	6	6	4	16	19	25
Williamsburg, . . .	1309	31	36	39	5	8	5	23	15	11
Worthington, . . .	1197									
Totals, . . .	30,897	642	653	676	180	199	209	508	430	439
HAMPDEN.										
Blandford, . . .	1427	29	20	24	7	2	11	23	17	17
Brimfield, . . .	1419	16	28	8	5	14	26	18	31	
Chester, . . .	1632	28	34	30	6	9	27	7	11	
Granville, . . .	1414	5	22	31	7	3	13	18	5	26
Holland, . . .	423	14	6	5	5	3	8			
Longmeadow, . . .	1270	34	21	26	7	10	8	19	25	26
Ludlow, . . .	1268	36	36	19	8	13	14	19	33	26
Monson, . . .	2151	30	59	59	11	4	9	30	41	27
Montgomery, . . .	740	12	14	9	1	4	4	4	10	8
Palmer, . . .	2139	53	54	69	9	14	26	2		
Russell, . . .	955	10	34	32	7	6	13	29		
Southwick, . . .	1214	372	405	417	73	67	78	132	191	269
Springfield, . . .	10,985	19	4	7	2	3	12	12	6	
Tolland, . . .	627	18	15	15	6	3	4	9	7	15
Wales, . . .	686	42	60	29	24	12	17	36	33	
West Springfield, . . .	3626									

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS—Continued.

COUNTIES AND TOWNS.	Population in 1840.	BIRTHS.			MARRIAGES.			DEATHS.		
		1844.	1845.	1846.	1844.	1845.	1846.	1844.	1845.	1846.
Westfield, . . .	3526	91	99	96	27	15	21	56	57	64
Wilbraham, . . .	1864	.	29	28	.	15	15	.	34	18
Totals, . . .	37,366	760	937	901	213	193	252	394	509	614
FRANKLIN.										
Ashfield, . . .	1610	2	37	18	.	3	8	25	33	32
Bernardston, . . .	992	24	20	32	5	10	7	17	7	13
Buckland, . . .	1064	20	19	23	8	7	8	6	9	12
Charlemont, . . .	1127	31	35	19	6	3	10	18	10	15
Coleraine, . . .	1971	35	35	29	4	12	11	26	30	23
Conway, . . .	1409	46	.	.	9	.	.	27	.	.
Deerfield, . . .	1912	.	51	54	.	15	8	.	21	20
Erving, . . .	309	10	10	9	.	3	1	.	5	3
Gill, . . .	798	22	14	23	5	4	4	10	9	7
Greenfield, . . .	1756	32	3	.	6	2	13	34	.	.
Hawley, . . .	977	18	13	25	6	3	6	17	8	8
Heath, . . .	895	14	29	18	.	.	.	4	22	.
Leverett, . . .	875	17	29	34	8	8	4	22	13	9
Leyden, . . .	632	29	9	22	4	3	6	11	10	25
Monroe, . . .	282	7	11	9	.	.	.	1	3	1
Montague, . . .	1255	32	.	36	3	2	.	.	12	16
New Salem, . . .	1305	20	35	28	4	6	13	9	31	18
Northfield, . . .	1673	30	.	.	4	5	.	11	.	.
Orange, . . .	1501	29	32	48	5	15	13	18	22	27
Rowe, . . .	703	30	13	1	8	3	.	15	11	.
Shelburne, . . .	1022	22	33	27	6	10	12	24	10	19
Shutesbury, . . .	987	21	24	17	4	13	9	7	11	1
Sunderland, . . .	719	23	10	12	6	1	2	6	5	8
Warwick, . . .	1071	18	35	10	4	8	8	21	23	11
Wendell, . . .	875	19	4	4	3	5	3	12	11	15
Whately, . . .	1072	25	27	26	7	10	5	20	15	12
Totals, . . .	28,812	576	528	524	115	151	151	360	331	295
BERKSHIRE.										
Adams, . . .	3703	.	102	114	.	15	8	.	78	45
Alford, . . .	481	13	10	13	3	4	.	7	2	4
Becket, . . .	1342	18	29	20	7	7	8	24	31	14
Boston Corner, . . .	65	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Cheshire, . . .	985	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
Clarksburg, . . .	370	9	8	11	.	.	1	.	.	4
Dalton, . . .	1255	40	42	43	3	.	2	11	14	.
Egremont, . . .	1038	19	28	23	3	2	1	11	5	10
Florida, . . .	441	19	5	7	.	2	2	3	3	3
Great Barrington, . . .	2704	.	.	.	10	3	.	38	.	.
Hancock, . . .	922	21	19	18	1	.	.	4	12	15
Hinsdale, . . .	955	41	21	17	3	6	6	17	16	17
Lanesborough, . . .	1140	31	18	21	.	2	.	12	11	20
Lee, . . .	2428	29	34	26	20	8	10	28	40	32
Lenox, . . .	1813	35	39	29	8	7	5	21	29	26
Mount Washington, . . .	438	13	.	20	.	.	1	2	.	1

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS—Continued.

COUNTIES AND TOWNS.	Population in 1840.	BIRTHS.			MARRIAGES.			DEATHS.		
		1844.	1845.	1846.	1844.	1845.	1846.	1844.	1845.	1846.
New Ashford, . . .	227	5	2	3	1	1	.	1	.	8
New Marlborough, . . .	1682	41	28	35	14	9	13	25	11	23
Otis, . . .	1177	12	28	.	10	2	.	6	8	.
Peru, . . .	576	17	12	12	1	5	3	11	3	15
Pittsfield, . . .	3747	87	101	108	1	3	7	56	61	76
Richmond, . . .	1097	11	11	20	4	3	6	14	10	15
Sandisfield, . . .	1464	21	.	.	13	11	.	21	32	.
Savoy, . . .	915	13	6	5	3	4	4	3	1	5
Sheffield, . . .	2322	49	78	85	7	7	13	28	35	41
Stockbridge, . . .	1992	41	33	53	2	9	6	35	25	29
Tyringham, . . .	1477	5	.	.	9	.	.	25	.	.
Washington, . . .	991	22	29	20	2	1	2	12	14	10
West Stockbridge, . . .	1448	54	49	40	8	4	6	20	16	23
Williamstown, . . .	2153	57	78	51	2	11	3	22	22	22
Windsor, . . .	897	.	12	12	.	6	6	.	9	12
Totals, . . .	41,745	723	822	806	135	132	114	435	488	465
NORFOLK.										
Bellingham, . . .	1055	30	12	8	7	2	2	11	8	7
Braintree, . . .	2168	59	69	47	14	6	18	10	27	.
Brookline, . . .	1365	13	21	44	8	8	16	15	25	21
Canton, . . .	1995	65	27	11	17	7	21	25	32	26
Cohasset, . . .	1471	24	33	26	16	10	19	28	18	20
Dedham, . . .	3290	90	96	94	31	33	36	50	70	52
Dorchester, . . .	4875	28	91	186	21	47	49	78	79	93
Dover, . . .	520	8	6	8	1	3	8	11	8	5
Foxborough, . . .	1298	24	51	37	11	17	19	18	18	28
Franklin, . . .	1717	23	33	41	10	5	9	28	29	22
Medfield, . . .	883	9	18	16	6	4	5	18	7	18
Medway, . . .	2043	66	65	61	25	29	32	14	26	21
Milton, . . .	1822	49	58	52	11	16	11	38	26	25
Needham, . . .	1488	45	33	36	9	4	6	26	17	25
Quincy, . . .	3486	147	123	136	23	21	32	56	53	48
Randolph, . . .	3213	92	138	121	32	28	31	71	55	61
Roxbury, . . .	9069	304	411	440	26	78	98	.	.	.
Sharon, . . .	1076	26	22	16	9	12	7	15	14	12
Stoughton, . . .	2142	68	86	95	35	23	38	4	36	30
Walpole, . . .	1491	.	.	25	.	.	10	.	.	7
Weymouth, . . .	3738	145	139	140	32	35	36	21	62	64
Wrentham, . . .	2915	77	59	67	16	16	25	8	48	39
Totals, . . .	53,140	1392	1591	1707	360	404	528	555	637	624
BRISTOL.										
Attleborough, . . .	3585	78	81	88	33	25	21	60	66	73
Berkley, . . .	886	20	12	19	4	2	7	17	26	15
Dartmouth, . . .	4135	122	92	108	33	27	28	.	.	.
Dighton, . . .	1378	36	47	40	19	7	9	15	32	17
Easton, . . .	2074	42	53	56	8	19	8	52	39	25
Fairhaven, . . .	3951	74	107	.	10	34	29	63	45	52

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COUNTIES AND TOWNS.	Population in 1840.	BIRTHS.			MARRIAGES.			DEATHS.		
		1844.	1845.	1846.	1844.	1845.	1846.	1844.	1845.	1846.
Fall River, . . .	6738	310	379	393	81	73	82	76	55	110
Freetown, . . .	1772	47	43	24	5	10	8	22	31	24
Mansfield, . . .	1382	34	43	31	10	12	16	.	17	21
New Bedford, . .	12,067	443	435	477	131	114	151	1	175	249
Norton, . . .	1545	36	29	45	3	8	8	8	6	4
Pawtucket, . . .	2184	104	89	127	14	13	16	6	.	16
Raynham, . . .	1329	43	40	2	12	4	9	24	19	10
Rehoboth, . . .	2169	55	55	45	16	.	15	20	25	38
Seekonk, . . .	1996	47	9	.	24	9	.	35	39	.
Somerset, . . .	1005	24	14	26	4	6	6	34	24	20
Swansey, . . .	1484	36	32	37	9	11	11	.	15	21
Taunton, . . .	7645	192	219	244	57	43	60	73	73	55
Westport, . . .	2620	82	73	50	10	2	15	39	32	27
Totals, . . .	60,165	1825	1852	1812	483	419	499	515	719	779
PLYMOUTH.										
Abington, . . .	3214	112	.	.	27	39	.	75	.	.
Bridgewater, . .	2131	44	71	57	4	12	12	45	40	27
Carver, . . .	995	35	30	21	2	14	8	5	1	.
Duxbury, . . .	2796	33	.	.	19	10	8	19	19	.
East Bridgewater,	1950	30	58	49	9	11	25	24	19	26
Halifax, . . .	734	30	36	27	7	2	6	17	21	13
Hanover, . . .	1488	41	18	18	16	14	12	20	16	17
Hanson, . . .	1040	.	.	15	.	.	3	.	.	13
Hingham, . . .	3564	94	86	87	35	22	20	57	61	44
Hull, . . .	231	3	6	3	3	2	1	2	7	1
Kingston, . . .	1440	35	32	31	15	16	11	26	25	15
Marshfield, . . .	1761	47	41	45	16	16	10	34	23	25
Middleborough, .	5085	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Bridgewater,	2616	96	70	91	22	35	21	50	32	44
Pembroke, . . .	1258	17	33	31	11	2	3	16	19	21
Plymouth, . . .	5281	151	122	164	30	41	42	81	110	67
Plympton, . . .	834	24	19	19	8	10	11	22	10	12
Rochester, . . .	3864	.	.	112	.	.	.	.	.	48
Scituate, . . .	3886	88	84	85	28	22	21	52	43	43
Wareham, . . .	2002	65	66	75	9	11	29	32	22	32
West Bridgewater,	1201	31	39	36	8	9	11	29	16	14
Totals, . . .	47,373	977	811	966	269	288	254	606	484	462
BARNSTABLE.										
Barnstable, . . .	4301	8	10	20	21	38	42	15	38	43
Brewster, . . .	1522	31	44	43	8	7	15	13	22	12
Chatham, . . .	2334	75	35	65	18	15	24	50	35	28
Dennis, . . .	2942	62	.	.	23	.	.	33	.	.
Eastham, . . .	955	17	13	7	3	12	10	10	14	10
Falmouth, . . .	2589	72	66	56	.	20	19	33	37	25
Harwich, . . .	2930	87	105	111	19	23	20	16	34	32
Marshpee, . . .	309	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Orleans, . . .	1974	34	45	39	23	8	14	44	27	31
Provincetown, . .	2122	76	61	73	25	22	19	41	41	28

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS—*Continued.*

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		1844.	1845.	1846.	1844.	1845.	1846.	1844.	1845.	1846.
Sandwich, . .	3719	112	118	101	23	24	21	32	58	44
Truro, . . .	1920	36	55	.	12	20	.	32	30	.
Wellfleet, . .	2377	59	44	65	13	12	16	23	24	15
Yarmouth, . .	2554	75	79	67	13	21	20	66	48	35
Totals, . . .	32,548	744	675	647	201	222	220	408	408	303
DUKES.										
Chilmark, . .	702	10	12	13	5	3	8	9	4	4
Edgartown, . .	1736	30	55	53	8	10	8	13	26	27
Tisbury, . . .	1520	53	60	13	21	11	9	26	23	25
Totals, . . .	3958	93	127	79	34	24	25	48	53	56
NANTUCKET.										
Nantucket, . .	9012	208	227	222	38	90	84	107	134	154

RECAPITULATION.

COUNTIES.	Population in 1840.	BIRTHS.			MARRIAGES.			DEATHS.		
		1844.	1845.	1846.	1844.	1845.	1846.	1844.	1845.	1846.
Suffolk, . .	95,773	111	147	134	29	22	29	88	94	30
Essex, . .	94,987	1581	2175	2527	583	758	908	1292	1501	1673
Middlesex, .	106,611	2814	3050	3011	949	1168	1119	1553	1506	1722
Worcester, .	95,313	2311	2116	2474	715	793	871	1469	1527	1734
Hampshire, .	30,807	642	653	676	180	199	209	508	430	439
Hampden, .	37,366	760	937	901	213	193	252	394	509	614
Franklin, .	28,812	576	528	524	115	151	151	360	331	295
Berkshire, .	41,745	723	822	806	135	132	114	435	488	465
Norfolk, .	53,140	1392	1591	1707	360	404	528	555	657	624
Bristol, . .	60,165	1825	1852	1812	483	419	499	515	719	779
Plymouth, .	47,373	977	811	966	269	288	254	606	484	462
Barnstable, .	32,548	744	675	647	201	222	220	408	408	303
Dukes, . .	3,958	93	127	79	34	24	25	48	53	56
Nantucket, .	9,012	208	227	222	38	90	84	107	134	154
Totals, . .	737,700	14,757	15,711	16,486	4304	4863	5263	8338	8844	9350
Totals after de- ducting Suffolk County, . .	641,927	14,646	15,564	16,352	4275	4841	5234	8250	8750	9320

NOTES.

Some of the returns were accompanied with remarks by the town clerks. From these, the following notes have been compiled. The design of these notes is to show the condition of registration through the State, the practical operation of existing laws on the subject, and the views of the town clerks in regard to such amendments as may be needed to improve the system.

SUFFOLK COUNTY.

BOSTON.—No return of births, marriages or deaths.

CHELSEA.—“I presume many deaths have taken place in this town of which, as yet, I have no record.”

ESSEX COUNTY.

ANDOVER.—“They are all very imperfect, as respects numbers. The returns have not been made according to law.”—*Births*. “There seems to have been a misapprehension of the law relating to the duties of school committee and town clerk, in respect to the registration of births; as town clerk, I forwarded the blank, and paper, and circular to the chairman of the school committee.” “The whole number of births in Andover must have been two hundred. I was present at about one hundred, and there are five other physicians in town.” “The adjutant general sends a blank for the enrolment of soldiers to the assessors; they enter the names on the blank, then sign the return at the bottom as assessors; the town clerk records the same, counts the numbers, and signs the return at the beginning, and sends the same return to the adjutant; this return has the signatures of the assessors as vouchers for correctness, and the town clerk that it is recorded,—and I think the law is very similar in intention to the law respecting the enrolment of births.” “I would call the attention of the Secretary to the fact, that the law makes no provision for the *future registration* of the *names* of those *children* that are recorded *this year* without a *name*.”—*Marriages*. “One clergyman informs me verbally, that he has married about twenty couple the past year. Another clergyman two couple, a magistrate one couple in Andover, but they have made no return.” “Our return should have been fifty instead of thirty, if clergymen and magistrates had returned all. The whole number of couples published in Andover, from May 1, 1845, to May 1, 1846, is eighty. Returns have

been partially and imperfectly made. Our records, for the last twelve years, are very imperfect, as respects marriages,—little regularity in the records,—and some have made no returns for many years. Town clerks receive no compensation in Andover for any service rendered the town, except recording births and deaths, consequently they will not look up labor."

ESSEX.—Births and Marriages. "The returns, I believe, embrace all that have occurred in the town during the year."

GLOUCESTER.—Marriages. "All the persons returned have received certificates of publishment, and the presumption is, that they have been married; but owing to the neglect of some, and the itinerant habits of the clergy in many cases, there remain blanks which should have been filled; many of those completed are made by my own inquiry."

HAMILTON.—"I have found it difficult to obtain the information necessary to comply with the law; the returns are as perfect as I can make them at this time; we hope to make them more perfect in future."

MARBLEHEAD.—"I feel desirous that the law should be complied with, and have endeavored to make as complete returns as possible, though they are still imperfect. For much of the information, I have to rely on personal application to the parties."

MIDDLETON.—Births. "The school committee only returned seven, the rest (11) I have procured by personal exertions. I think the duty would be better performed if it devolved upon the assessors."—**Marriages.** "It is believed there has been one marriage in this town not included in this return, but no more have been reported; if so, it was solemnized by a clergyman not a resident of this town."

ROCKPORT.—Deaths. "Should inaccuracies be found in this return, they must be charged to the sextons, most of whom made an entire failure as it regards their returns. The clerk, therefore, has not so much time to examine and correct as he could wish. All the physicians in town have kindly rendered the needful aid."

SALEM.—Marriages. "Rev. Mr. ———, of St. Peter's Church, has neglected to make any return for the past year."

TOPSFIELD.—Deaths. "This return may be relied on as containing a notice of every death that has occurred, within the time named, in this town. All have been recorded for the last thirty-six years."

WEST NEWBURY.—Births. "The return, though few in number, comprises all in my possession; I am well aware that the births of the past year did not fall much short of any preceding year. The school committee for 1845, returned the number of births in four school districts out of six; the present year, no returns have been made; whether it is negligence, or exemption from the duty by the law, is probably best known to themselves."—**Deaths.** "All that have come to my knowledge, are nearly correct; although often requested, the sextons have, as yet, rendered no assistance."

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

ASHLAND.—Births. "It is ascertained that twenty occurred in the Hopkinton, eight in the Framingham, and five in the Holliston portions of this town; those in the Hopkinton portion are probably included in the return from that town and

are here omitted. Those in the Framingham and Holliston portions are not probably returned from those towns, and for that reason I have taken the liberty to make the return I have. No births occurred in this town between the passage of the act of incorporation and the first of May, 1846."

CAMBRIDGE.—*Births*. "The number recorded is undoubtedly much less than have occurred in the city."—*Marriages*. "This return embraces probably not more than from one half to two thirds of the whole number solemnized during the year, and is deficient in other respects. Some clergymen make no returns, and others return only the names of parties and date of marriage."—*Deaths*. "This return is not complete, though more nearly so than that of births or marriages. Few deaths are returned to me of those who are removed out of the city or to Mount Auburn for interment."

CARLISLE.—*Births*. "This return is the same which was made out and returned to me by Dr. A. Marsh, the school committee having neglected to perform that service."

CHARLESTOWN.—"The returns are as complete as I am able to make them, under existing circumstances. The return of marriages is the most defective. The pastor of the First Baptist Society has made no return for the last year; and the pastor of the Episcopal Church has furnished me with no returns of marriages solemnized by him since officiating in that capacity in this town."

CHELMSFORD.—*Deaths*. "Probably the whole number would not vary very far from thirty. One of the sextons made no return."

FRAMINGHAM.—*Deaths*. "The sextons have not all made returns."

GROTON.—"In all important particulars the returns are accurate and complete."—*Births*. "The school committee have given their personal attention to the return of births."

HOLLISTON.—*Births*. "This record is believed to be perfect, and all the facts are given that could be obtained from return by school committee. A part of the town of Ashland was taken from Holliston last winter by act of incorporation, and the school committee did not take the account of births, supposing this duty belonged to the school committee there. The different parts of the town in which the births have occurred have been arranged by school districts."—*Marriages*. "Incomplete—I think short of the true number. It does not embrace one third of the certificates I have given. It is the best I could do from the returns received. I think the nature of the facts required in this matter may be a reason of their imperfection."—*Deaths*. "Not quite perfect, though the sextons have shown a commendable disposition to make it so. Perhaps six or eight not returned; some have been interred out of town, and the returns have not been furnished me. The deaths in that part of Holliston now Ashland, (referred to in the births above,) were returned as you have them. None returned since the act of incorporation from this section. In some cases, the occupation is not returned, nor is the precise age stated. It is often difficult to obtain the exact age in months and days. From a record kept by a person which I think is correct, the number of deaths in Holliston, during the registration year, was 27. More attention would be paid to the law if it were better known to the proper officers. Many of the facts required are of importance, and it is to be regretted that it is not better complied with."

HOPKINTON.—Births. "This return is believed to be nearly correct; it includes those occurring in that part of Hopkinton now become a part of Ashland, up to the passage of the act incorporating that town."—**Marriages.** "Believed to be correct with two exceptions, and those owing to the misapprehension of the clergyman in supposing it to be the duty of the town clerk to obtain the facts."—**Deaths.** "As full and correct as the returns to me will admit. The probable number of deaths in town, the last year, was nearly forty."

LINCOLN.—Births. "These are what I have picked up myself; the school committee still refuse to make any return to me. I think the list must contain nearly all the births in town during the year."—**Deaths.** "There have been more than four deaths in town during the past year, but some of them have been interred out of town, and no record of them made by our sexton."

NATICK.—Births. "I have reason to believe that the births are stated with a good degree of accuracy."—**Marriages.** "This return is very defective. A person in this town, who, I have reason to believe, has solemnized as many marriages as all others, has not returned one instance of a marriage by him the last year, and I have not been able to obtain one after repeated solicitations. The Commonwealth will never procure correct information, in my humble opinion, in relation to marriages, until they affix a heavy penalty on clergymen and others for neglect of this duty. It appears to me of the greatest consequence that all marriages should be recorded somewhere, that they may be accessible to all persons interested, from the fact that much trouble has existed and pecuniary losses been sustained, since the operation of the pension laws, by the imperfection of town records. So in case of settlement of paupers; every one conversant with such matters knows the unlimited trouble existing for the want of a record of marriages. If the Legislature would give a thought to this subject, the public interest would be promoted."—**Deaths.** "I imagine they are less accurate, but they are all I have been able to obtain of the sextons. I however feel confident that a few more have happened than are stated in the return."

NEWTON.—Births. "You will perceive that I send you a record of one birth only, which is all that has been received, out of probably one hundred. I have inquired of the school committee for the births, but they have done nothing about the record of them; a majority of them are preachers, and they consider it too delicate a task to meddle with. I think if it were made the duty of the assessors, it could and would be done."—**Marriages.** "I find preachers, who, you know, do nearly all the marrying, very strongly object to the numerous questions the law requires them to ask; and I don't know but the reason why so few records of marriages are sent in, is because their returns would so far fail of answering the law, that they do not like to have their failures exhibited. If the law be not altered, I mean to make an effort to send you a more full return next year."—**Deaths.** "The deaths, I think, are full. We have in town five sextons; I have had to write to, or call on four of them, to obtain their records. Perhaps the clerk has received one fourth or one fifth of the marriages in town; the reason why we have received no more I cannot tell, as I have served in this capacity but a short time."

PEPPERELL.—"I have adopted a system which I am in hopes will enable me to obtain a more accurate return the coming year, of births, marriages and deaths."

TYNESBOROUGH.—"On making out my returns of births, marriages and deaths last year, I thought I should be able to give you a complete and full return the present year, and promised you that I would do so. I have taken unwearied pains to obtain the names, dates, &c., contained in these returns, and, by dint of running and racing into almost every nook and corner of the town, I have obtained the particulars returned; thus much I have done in order to keep my promise, made one year ago. There has not been a single instance of full and correct return to me during the past year. I have requested, again and again, individuals to hand in their returns to me, without effect; under these circumstances, I shall make no further promises, but shall hereafter return such facts as are returned to me."

WATERTOWN.—Births and Deaths. "No returns of births from the school committee, or return of deaths from the sexton, in the town of Watertown, have been received by me the past year, up to June 30, 1846. I therefore can make no return to you."

WEST CAMBRIDGE.—Deaths. "The deficiency in the return is beyond the control of the clerk. Recorded as received."

WESTFORD.—Deaths. "The return is imperfect, containing but about one half the number. Individuals, when requested, neglect to make the necessary returns."

WOBURN.—Births. "The return of births, from the town of Woburn, for the year ending April 30, 1846, is, in most respects, perfect." "I have used great exertions to ascertain, and make record of all births happening in town; eight or ten out of this number, I have ascertained by personal inquiry. The school committee employed the assessors to attend to their duty for them; there appears to be a great unwillingness on the part of parents to give in the birth of their children. I think this should not be; parents should be interested in this matter, and see to it that every birth happening in their families is duly recorded, or give such facts as may be required to those who are legally authorized to receive them, or all our endeavors to obtain a perfect registration will be of no avail."

Marriages. "The return of marriages from the town of Woburn for the year ending April 30, 1846, is, I believe, full and correct, with but one exception." "You may be assured that if the State makes *liberal* provisions for carrying out the registration, your returns will be correct; all the duties of town clerks will be done, and, I doubt not, faithfully done; and only then. The honor of the office, in a town like Woburn, does not pay for the work required by law. Last year, I suggested the propriety of raising the price of certificates to one dollar, and this, I think, would be the better way, and then the individual married would pay all the expense; and this he can afford to do, if he gets a decent wife, but if not, there is no clerk who would not, out of pity, remit him the fee, and, perhaps, make him a present in addition." "I do hope that our next Legislature will be wise, and take this matter into consideration." "Any one conversant with the old records of most towns, can see the necessity of the present registration law; there should be a perfect uniformity in records throughout the State; in the genealogy of families, heirship to property, and pauper cases, long and protracted lawsuits often occur, which might, in a great measure, be obviated, had our present registration laws been carried into operation at the early settlement of the

country. The whole cost of the present registration laws throughout the State, (were a reasonable price paid,) would not be more than one per cent. on five hundred dollars; it would seem but reasonable, that this small pittance should be paid for an object of so much importance."—*Deaths*. "The return of deaths from the town of Woburn, for the past year, is, in most respects, correct." "Family records are a great assistance in ascertaining many of the facts required by law, and one should be kept in every family; the time and trouble of keeping them is nothing, in comparison with the benefits derived from them; all the facts could be readily obtained, which are necessary to make the town records perfect. The disease or cause of death may not, in all cases, be recorded correctly, although most of them are as they were returned to me." "In some instances, where old people have died, I have been obliged to consult the old records of the town to ascertain their ages; this makes a great amount of work for which we get no pay; this is not right." "The whole matter of registration should, in my humble opinion, be left with town clerks, and it should be made their duty to obtain all the necessary facts, or to employ some one to do so for them; this is the only way that the facts can all of them be obtained."

No RETURNS from *Dracut* and *Somerville*; of births from *Acton*; of marriages from *Dunstable*; and of births and deaths from *Watertown*.

WORCESTER COUNTY.

AUBURN.—*Marriages*. "The return is as complete as I could well obtain."

BLACKSTONE.—*Births*. "I have made the return as complete as I was able from the return made to me, which return was made, I believe, by a person who was very diligent in obtaining all the information he could at the time. Our population being of a moving character, as full information in every respect as was desired could not be obtained."—*Marriages*. "The clergymen who have made returns have been very punctual, with one exception; that one said to me, before making his returns, he presumed he had united more couples in marriage than all the other clergymen in town, and when he made his returns he returned only five, saying he had loaned the certificates of two or three, and others he had mislaid and would look them up; such negligence ought not to be tolerated. I suppose that clergymen usually receive from two to five dollars for uniting in marriage, whereas the town clerk receives his fifty cents, and not unfrequently has to travel twelve miles, and spend half a day's time besides. I have published the intentions of marriage of forty-five couples the past year, and believe that more than thirty have been married in town."—*Deaths*. "There not being any regularly appointed sextons in our town, it is almost impossible to get any person to engage in collecting and making a return of the deaths, the compensation allowed by the law being much less than it should be. I am confident there have more deaths taken place the past year, but I return all I have been able to collect."

BROOKFIELD.—*Deaths*. "There is great neglect on the part of the sextons, and one refuses to make any return. I have obtained, I believe, all the deaths in town, and believe them to be correctly returned."

DUDLEY.—*Births*. "I wish there was a penalty to oblige, or a compensation to induce, the school committee, or some other person or persons to obtain cor-

rectly all the births in town. Some of the births were taken by the assessors, but not correctly. Knowing of a number of births that were not handed in, and wishing to have my registration more perfect, I made a circuit over the town and obtained more than double the number that had been before handed to me, which I think is correct."

GARDNER.—*Births*. "The births were not all returned this year."

HOLDEN.—*Marriages*. "I suppose there has been one marriage in this town by a clergyman of Royalston, but no return of it has been made."

HUBBARDSTON.—"Great effort has been used on the part of the town clerk that the returns should be correct. The return of marriages and deaths may be regarded as substantially so. But the difficulty of obtaining correct information in relation to births is apparent, when the fact is made known that no one takes any interest in the subject but the town clerk alone. He has visited every neighborhood in town for the purpose of collecting information for that return, and presumes that all, or nearly all, of the births are included."

LANCASTER.—*Births*. "No returns received from school committee."

LUNENBURG.—"I have, by sending written circulars and the printed certificates, been enabled to obtain pretty full and accurate returns. I wish they were perfect, but it is certainly not for want of effort on my part that they are not so."

MENDON.—"Mendon contains 1200 inhabitants; much care has been taken in making out the returns, which renders them perfect or nearly accurate."—*Births*. "I return *all* the children born during the year."

NORTH BROOKFIELD.—"To the appointed officers much credit is due for the pains they have taken in ascertaining the particulars so necessary to carrying out the intention of the registration act. I believe the reports to be correct in all their details, except the places of birth of two females on the list of deaths, which could not be ascertained. The objects and results contemplated by the registration act are of the greatest utility, and can doubtless be effected, if the subordinate officers will attend to their duties as set forth in the act; but it is attended with considerable labor, requires much time and patience, and, I fear, will not generally receive due attention until the fees are increased, as they are now altogether inadequate to the service required."

NORTHBOROUGH.—"The actual number of births in this town is probably as many again as are recorded; I return all that have been reported to me by the school committee, and regret very much not to have a complete return as I had hoped."

PRINCETON.—"So far as it respects the number, I believe each list to be perfect. The sexton and school committee have been prompt in the discharge of their respective duties."

WESTBOROUGH.—"For these last three years, I have been laboring to have our community feel the importance of a full and correct registration; but I find it cannot be done by persuasion or argument, and have some doubts whether the arm of the law would fully accomplish it. Early this summer I engaged one of the school committee, when he numbered the children, to gather up our whole community, that a complete registration should once be made, and by giving him half my perquisite, or rather my fees, I have added more than two hundred names

to the records, and some parts of families back thirty years; so that it can be truly said, that Westborough, for 1846, has a full and complete registration. You are aware that the new registration book receives the names promiscuously, and not by families, and that to keep the family records together, a double record must be made in every instance. My returns of births and deaths I think correct; that of marriages is not so; returns are not made by clergymen and those authorized to solemnize marriages as they should be."

No RETURNS from *Upton*.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.

AMHERST.—"The returns are not as full as I could wish, but are as perfect as I am able to make them. It is much to be regretted, that those who pretend to furnish the town clerk with returns, are not more particular. One fact to illustrate: After the returns of *births* were made to me, I made some little effort to ascertain if all had been reported, and found that *fourteen* cases were not on any of the returns; how many more escape the school committee and myself, I am not able to say; but from the manner in which the returns have been made, and the attention I have been able to give the matter, I have no doubt some are still left off; and out of the fifty-one deaths returned, only eight were returned by the sextons."

BELCHERTOWN.—*Births*. "The school committee have made me no return; what I have returned are made from general observation and inquiry. I hope I shall be able to make more full returns the present year."

EASTHAMPTON.—*Births*. "The school committee have returned nine births to the clerk, one of which took place at Northampton. By inquiry, I have made the number thirteen, which is not far from correct."—*Marriages*. "The number is correctly returned."—*Deaths*. "We have no sexton to assist the clerk in making his return; neither have the inhabitants ever given themselves the least trouble in regard to furnishing the clerk with the necessary information. I cannot see any propriety in making the clerk subject to a fine of ten dollars for neglect of duty, and allowing other officers whose duty it is to make returns to the clerk, to make them or not, as is most convenient to them."

GOSHEN.—*Births*. "I feel confident that this return is correct, as the chairman of the school committee is a physician, and well acquainted with all the families in town."—*Marriages and Deaths*. "These returns are also correct."

PLAINFIELD.—*Births*. "The school committee of this town have never made any return of births to the town clerk, for the reason, as they say, that they cannot afford to do it at the rate of five cents a birth; neither have they engaged any one to do it, there being no penalty for the neglect. Finding that they had not, and would not make any return to me, I have, this year, taken the trouble to ascertain the number of births for the year past myself, and think I herewith return all, or nearly all, viz., twelve. There were probably as many, or more last year, or rather year before last, although I made return of only three; no more having come to my knowledge."—*Deaths*. "Sextons have made no return of deaths to me, and all I have learnt of them is from our minister and physician; the minister keeps an account of all the deaths, that is, the date, and name, and age of the

deceased, not noting the months and days, however, nor the place of birth, or name of parents, &c. I believe, sir, that I herewith return you all the deaths and marriages that have taken place in this town the year past."

PRESCOTT.—Births. "The return contains about one half the number of children born in this town the past year. I have, by personal inquiry, found the names and ages of those in the list, the school committee having wholly disregarded the law which makes it their duty to make an annual return to the town clerk."—**Marriages.** "The return contains probably the whole number that have taken place the past year; it is not so full, however, as I should have been pleased to have had it; owing to remissness in the clerks, or persons solemnizing the marriages, in regard to the various inquiries to be made, which, I think, may be obviated by procuring the blank forms of publishments, according to your circular."—**Deaths.** "I believe I return the whole number that have occurred during the past year. The sextons not having paid any attention to the law heretofore, I have not been able to make a very accurate return to some of the inquiries at the head of the columns. I have reminded the several sextons of their duty, and hope for a better state of things hereafter, in regard to accuracy."

SOUTH HADLEY.—Marriages. "There have been probably two or three marriages in town that have not been returned."—**Deaths.** "The return, according to my belief, is correct."

WARE.—Deaths. "There was no return made to me by those whose duty it was to do it, consequently I have none to make."

WESTHAMPTON.—Births and Deaths. "There seems to be difficulty after all in obtaining perfect records of all that occur in the towns. By the only compulsory law on the subject, within my knowledge, parents, &c., are allowed six months to make return of these events to the clerk, and even this law is, and ever has been, inoperative. Then we have the services of the school committee brought into requisition, and suppose they perform the duty prescribed, they find that births have occurred during the year, and the parents have removed from the town, in some instances; in others, they have, 'according to law,' from one to six months in which to make their own returns, without troubling the school committee with the business. Again, suppose the school committee decline the honor of traversing the length and breadth of a town to obtain the record of some ten or fifteen births, at five cents each; how, then, shall a perfect record be made up?"

In this town, we have no sexton or superintendent of burial grounds, and in scarcely a single instance, has any due or formal notice of either birth or death been given to me. I have, however, succeeded in making out perfect records as to the numbers and dates, and deficient only in a very few points of minor importance."

WILLIAMSBURG.—Marriages. "My return is incomplete; sixteen couples have been published in this town, within the time embraced in this return. It is much more difficult to obtain a return from those solemnizing marriages than the others required; and, in fact, I believe they never make them here, until solicited to do so. I think the use of the blanks named in your circular would be of much service."

No RETURNS from *Chesterfield*; and of deaths from *Pelham* and *Ware*.

HAMPDEN COUNTY.

BLANDFORD.—Marriages. "All which have been returned to me by officiating clergymen; probably not all which have occurred in the place during the past year."—*Deaths.* "All which have been returned to me; probably, nearly all which have occurred."

BRIMFIELD.—Marriages. "I believe this return correct as to the number and other particulars; in many cases, the parties refused to answer the questions; in others, the certificates were sent for by other persons, who could not answer for them. I know of no way to get a full return, so long as the certificate can be obtained with the questions unanswered."—*Deaths.* "This return I believe to be accurate, as far as we had the means of ascertaining; the returns were made by the sexton."

CHESTER.—Marriages. "As perfect a return as I am able to make."—*Deaths.* "All that have come to my knowledge, and probably perfect."

SPRINGFIELD.—"I can only say the same that I did last year, viz.: That the returns of births and deaths I believe to be correct; but that of marriages is not. I make record, and return to you all, just as they are returned to me; should be glad to make full and correct returns, but cannot, for those whose duty it is to make returns to me fail to do it."

TOLLAND.—Births. "The school committee have neglected to make returns to me, and, in consequence, I am not able to give you correct returns, or at least no further than what I have been able to ascertain myself. We will endeavor, the present season, to give you correct returns."

WALES.—"It seems to me to be very necessary that there should be some penalty attached to the non-performance of the duties required by the law, or a sufficient remuneration, so as to secure a full and correct return."

WEST SPRINGFIELD.—Births. "Not a single one has been returned to me by the school committee."—*Marriages.* "All that have been returned to this office. Two only of the ten ministers have made returns."

No RETURNS from *Russell*; and of deaths from *Palmer*.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

ASHFIELD.—Births and Marriages. "The returns comprise all that have come to my knowledge, but I suppose they are not all which have occurred. The school committee and clergymen have not attended very punctually to their duty in this respect."—*Deaths.* "I think these are all which have occurred in this town for the time stated."

BERNARDSTON.—Births. "The return, prepared by E. W. Carpenter *most faithfully*, is as correct, I believe, as it is practicable to make such a one."—*Marriages.* "The return is, I believe, a perfect list of the marriages in this town during the past year. We are on the boundaries of the State of Vermont, and every year some go there, where the laws and practices are more lax, to be 'united with the silken cords of hymen.' I have knowledge of but one such case this year, though probably others have occurred. Our clergymen are all to be commended for their efforts to obey and carry out the provisions of the regis-

try law, and it is now done with comparative ease, since your new form of publication certificates have been used; I find them very useful, and well adapted to the objects for which they were designed."—*Deaths*. "I believe the return to be accurate." "But it is an onerous duty on town clerks; they ought, in justice, to have eight to ten cents for each birth, marriage and death returned by them, the same to be paid by their respective towns. Let that be the law, and your returns will be made nearly perfect."

BUCKLAND.—"A very meagre return; from such data as I have been furnished with."

CHARLEMONT.—*Marriages*. "As complete as it could well be made under the existing circumstances."—*Deaths*. "The duty of collecting as well as recording the deaths, &c., devolves upon the clerk, as there is no regular or appointed sexton. The return is as complete as could conveniently be made."

COLERAINE.—*Deaths*. "The return is as correct as it could be made from the information received by the sextons."

ERVING.—*Marriages*. "All that have been returned, and, I think, all that have taken place for the last year."—*Deaths*. "None have been reported to the sextons for the past year; upon inquiry, I have ascertained the particulars of three, which I return, and believe to be all which have occurred."

GREENFIELD.—*Births and Deaths*. "No return of births has been made to me, and I believe no account has been taken. The same of the deaths. The number of deaths from my memoranda, which is nearly, if not quite correct, is 21, in a population of from 1900 to 2000."—*Marriages*. "The actual number of persons married, of whom one party or the other resided in this town, according to a memorandum kept by me, was twenty-five, including the above returns. Those not returned (eleven) were married in some of the neighboring towns in Vermont, (in Vernon, the Gretna Green of this section of country, Brattleborough, Halifax, or Guilford) to either of which places a two-and-a-half hours' ride from here will carry them, and where they can put on the fetters without the ceremony or delay of being published, as our laws require. Scarce a week passes, but wedding parties of six to ten couple, friends of the bride and groom, from this or towns below in Hampshire County, are to be seen hurrying on to some one of the above named towns, resembling, or rather bringing to mind, little flocks of birds flitting about just previous to migration."

HEATH.—*Marriages and Deaths*. "There have been no returns the past season. I left it to the sextons to return the deaths to me; consequently I have none on record."

LEYDEN.—*Births and Deaths*. "The returns are correct. In order to procure them, I have personally been throughout the town, as there has not been a single return to this office during the year."—*Marriages*. "Correct, embracing every marriage solemnized in town."

MONTAGUE.—*Marriages*. "None returned to me."—*Deaths*. "I am sorry that the return is not more perfect; I had intended that it should have been, but the man who engaged to get the facts, omitted to make a return up to the twenty-ninth of May, and it could not then well be corrected; but I am still of opinion, that we shall approximate nearer to the truth the next time. I see no reason why all the facts, that is, the material ones, may not, with ease, be obtained under the present law, as well as under any other."

SHELBOURNE.—Marriages. "I have, the past year, used the blank certificates of publishment you sent me, and find it makes a wonderful difference in the punctuality of our clergymen and magistrates in making their returns for record. I am very much in favor of these blank certificates, and think the returns to your office this year will be much more full than heretofore, and mainly in consequence of them. Clergymen, and others, have a great reluctance to make the necessary inquiries of the parties at the time of solemnizing the nuptials, to fill out the certificate properly, but if they can have it done at hand, they are generally very punctual in making their returns to the town clerks. This return, I believe, is perfect, as the law contemplates, with the exception, perhaps, of not giving the occupation of some of the brides."

No RETURNS from *Conway, Northfield, and Rowe*; of births and deaths from *Greenfield*; of marriages and deaths from *Heath*, and of marriages from *Montague*.

BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

ALFORD.—Marriages. "I do not recollect of but one having occurred the past year, and of that I am not able to give the particulars, as the person that solemnized it has not made me any return."—**Deaths.** "This return may not be complete, as the town has neglected to make choice of any person whose duty it would be to give this information. I have myself gathered those returned."

BECKET.—Deaths. "No attention is paid by the sexton, or any other person, to making returns of those occurring in the town; I therefore am obliged to obtain information the best way I can. The return sent, I obtained from the Church records, kept by the Rev. L. Hyde, so far as names and ages of the deceased, and dates of death appear; the other items are derived from other sources, and are far from rendering it complete."

CHESHIRE.—Births and Deaths. "No return made."

DALTON.—"I have called on the pastor and physician for a list of deaths in this town, from May 1st, 1845, to May 1st, 1846, and they have not, as yet, returned any. There having been none returned from the town clerk of that year, or from any other source, I have concluded to forward the returns of marriages and births as they have been received."

LEE.—Marriages. "It is very difficult, as yet, to come at the ages of the parties, for the ministers either do not understand their duty, or they are too diffident to 'pop the question'; if, however, the secretary will send me a quantity of blank forms of town clerks' certificates and clergymen's returns, I will try to remedy that business of ages when they enter their intentions."—**Deaths.** "In procuring the matter to make a record of the deaths in a country town, with the statistics required by law and courtesy, I find that I, as town clerk, have it all to do; at least the greatest burden comes on me. I am of opinion, with many others, in this respect, that if the several town clerks were appointed to gather all the facts necessary to carry the law into execution, and to be paid a fair compensation for the same, it would be done with the least trouble and the most accuracy."

NEW ASHFORD.—Deaths. "All that have occurred the past registration year."

NEW MARLBOROUGH.—Marriages. "Probably not all."

WILLIAMSTOWN.—Births. “Not a full list. The school committee did little or nothing till the last moment, and, when prompted by me, the enumeration was then made so hastily, that omissions were very certainly made. I am informed that one district has not been visited at all. Probably there may be from five to twelve omitted there. I regret to say, that, for purposes of statistical accuracy, our returns are not such as the Legislature doubtless intended.”—*Marriages.* “You are aware of the custom, so prevalent on the borders, of marrying in other States, and it is hardly necessary to more than allude to it; I am not certain whether all have been returned.”—*Deaths.* “No returns whatever have been made to me by the sextons during the past year. Those returned were procured by examining the books of an undertaker, who has made most of the coffins in this part of the town; of course, he only knows to whom the coffins were charged, and the other facts were such as his recollection (which, by the way, is nearly infallible,) could testify as within his knowledge. It will be observed, that the number of deaths stated at the head of this return is greater than are recorded; this arose from the fact of coffins having been ordered for persons of whom he knew nothing, except that they were residents of the town.”

WINDSOR.—Marriages. “Quite a number have been married in neighboring towns, and out of the State, probably as many as I return.”—*Deaths.* “Made out from information derived from our minister, the sextons having made no returns.”

No RETURNS from *Great Barrington, Otis, Sandisfield, and Tyringham*; of marriages from *Hancock, Lanesborough, and New Ashford*, and of deaths from *Dalton*.

NORFOLK COUNTY.

BELLINGHAM.—“The returns are not so complete as I should have liked to furnish.—*Births.* The school committee have made no returns. I send you all that have been registered the past year, the same as they stand on the registry.—*Marriages.* The return, I believe, is perfect, and I believe it contains all that have occurred in town the past year.—*Deaths.* I send them as they stand on the registry, although the number is small, probably not one half that have happened; the sextons have made no returns the past year; I have supplied them with blanks, and think in future they will be returned.”

BRAINTREE.—Deaths. “I have made no returns of deaths. I have received returns but from one sexton,—two deaths in his part of the town. I have taken pains to get returns from the others, but have been unable. I furnished them all with blanks early in the spring, hoping that I should have a correct return.”

BROOKLINE.—Births. “The return is supposed to be pretty accurate. I have given the subject my personal attention, and have been to every house in the town, and, in most cases, have got the necessary information. The school committee are not willing to recognize this as among their duties, and unless it is done by some one feeling more interest in the matter than they do, it will remain undone. I hope the next Legislature will so amend the laws, in relation to returns, that the object may be more effectually accomplished; that it *shall* be the duty of some officer or officers to make full and correct returns under a heavy penalty.”

MEDWAY.—Deaths. “The return contains but a portion of those which have occurred, but are all that have been reported.”

NEEDHAM.—Marriages. "From twelve to fifteen published yearly; of course, a part are married elsewhere."

ROXBURY.—"I have made as perfect returns as I could; the next year I hope they may be more correct." [Returns not received in time to be included in the tables.]

No RETURNS of deaths from *Braintree* and *Roxbury*.

BRISTOL COUNTY.

ATTLEBOROUGH.—"The returns are very imperfect, but as perfect as the materials that I have to make them with will admit. The returns of the births are more correct than the deaths; the physicians of the adjoining towns and from Rhode Island practice here, which makes it difficult to get the returns. You will see by the date of the registration that the returns were not made to me until the 26th instant, which gave me no time to make personal inquiries of parents, which I would have done had they been made to me in due time. The returns of marriages are also imperfect; thirty-one couples have been published in this town, from May 1, 1845, to May 1, 1846. I have found some difficulty in using your certificates, as many send their intentions of marriage to the town clerk by mail, or some other way, and some do not like to answer so many questions. The return of deaths that have been returned by the sextons is generally correct, but there are some cemeteries to which there are no sextons, and many of the deaths I have obtained from the physicians, but in many cases there is a deficiency of age, birth, or parentage. I think if the whole duty of collecting births and deaths were laid on the physicians, and they were liberally paid, we should have a much more regular registration. I think the fees allowed for publishing and recording the facts relating to marriages are altogether too low. I think if the town clerks were to consult their pecuniary interest and not the good of posterity, you would generally find a ten dollar bill to contain the most of the return. Those who have this work to do, should be entitled to as good pay as the legislators, for I think their labor must be much more perplexing."

BERKLEY.—Deaths. "There being no regular sextons in most of the small towns, and therefore no individuals who are required by law to make returns to the town clerk, the returns must be very imperfect, unless the clerks are at much trouble in obtaining the information; whereas, if the school committee were required to return deaths, as well as births, it would make the returns more perfect, and their duty but little increased, as they could, while visiting every part of the town to get the births, at the same time collect the number of deaths."

NEW BEDFORD.—"The returns are, as usual, undoubtedly imperfect. It has, however, been my constant aim to reach the nearest possible approximation to the truth, and more than this, I presume, will not be expected."—*Births.* "The number of births, as given in the returns, is 477, which, it is believed, is very near the actual number. These have been obtained by an individual specially employed for the purpose, who traversed the entire extent of the town."—*Marriages.* "The number of marriages is 151. This shows an increase upon the last year of about 33 per cent.; still it is presumed that the actual number has not been reached. Much more attention, however, has been given to this law by clergymen and others, during the past year, than formerly. The whole number

who have entered at this office their intentions of marriage is 218 couples. Now assuming, as heretofore, that one tenth part of these are never married, (which, from careful observation, I believe to be the fact,) and the actual number of marriages which has occurred during the year is 196."—*Deaths*. "The number of deaths returned is 249, showing an increase from last year of 46 per cent; still the number should have been much greater. Much complaint is made by the sextons of the inadequacy of the compensation allowed, compared with the labor required, some of whom have given me to understand that, for the future, they should pay no further regard to the law. Their compensation is certainly too small, and should, I think, be at least doubled."

NORTON.—*Deaths*. "There have been no returns made to me the past year; the four cases which I have returned I have procured from my own knowledge, or by inquiry."

RAYNHAM.—*Births*. "All that have come to my knowledge; the school committee not making any return to me."—*Deaths*. "All that I have been able to ascertain; there are many family burial-grounds in town, which are not under the care of any sexton, and several physicians practice here from other towns that do not give the required information. I should think the number returned not correct."

SWANZEY.—*Marriages*. "There were undoubtedly more in town than I return, but this is all the return made to me; one minister, who, I suppose, married some, has recently moved out of town without making any returns."—*Deaths*. "I presume there were more in town the past year than have been recorded, but as we have no sexton, nor has any one made any returns, I have had to collect them from such private sources as I could avail myself of. The return is very imperfect. The old record of births has been of use in ascertaining the age of many."

No RETURNS from *Seekonk*; of births from *Fairhaven*; of deaths from *Dartmouth*.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY.

BRIDGEWATER.—*Deaths*. "The return is very imperfect, because there is but one sexton in town who has done any part of his duty."

DUXBURY.—*Births and Deaths*. "No returns have been made to me the past or present year."

EAST BRIDGEWATER.—*Deaths*. "The return, though not complete, is as nearly so as I could make it."

HALIFAX.—*Deaths*. "The return, I am sorry to say, is not complete, owing to people's negligence in making returns; the whole number is complete; I keep the account myself, but the ages of the whole I have not been able to procure."

MARSHFIELD.—*Births*. "All which have taken place, as I have been through the town and made inquiry under the direction of the school committee."—*Marriages*. "I believe the return full and perfect."

PEMBROKE.—*Marriages*. "You will see that the return of marriages is small, compared with last year."—*Deaths*. "The return that I send for the year past, I have gathered myself from inquiry, not having had a single death returned to me."

PLYMOUTH.—"The returns are more complete than I have, in any preceding year, been able to make them, having used the blank forms, as requested, a year ago."

PLYMPTON.—Marriages. "During the year past, I have given, in the publications of intentions of marriage, the particulars required in the return, and the persons who solemnized the marriages certified the marriages on the certificates, and returned them to me; also, in the record of these publications in the town records, I stated those particulars. I made inquiries of the persons who applied for publications, relating to those particulars, and if the inquiries were not fully answered, I had resort to other sources of information. I find that persons begin to expect that such inquiries will be made, and, probably, in time to come, will be better prepared to answer them. It appears, from the statistical tables which I have kept in the town records, that, during 34 years, between January 1, 1812, and December 31, 1845, the whole number of publications of intentions of marriage in Plympton, was 317, and that 168 of the couples published resided in Plympton after their marriage. Also that, of the 634 persons published, 249 single males married single females, 20 widowers married widows, 39 widowers married single females, and 9 single males married widows. In said 34 years, there were but 4 couples published who were not married, but they are not reckoned in the above numbers."—**Deaths.** "There is no regular or stated sexton; a person is yearly chosen by the town, to toll the meeting-house bell for deaths and funerals, but for nothing more. The relatives of persons select some person to officiate as sexton at funerals."

RETURNS of 91 births, 31 marriages, and 40 deaths were received from *Abington*, too late to be included in any of the tables.

No RETURNS from *Middleborough*; of births and deaths from *Duxbury*; of marriages from *Rochester*, of deaths from *Carver*.

BARNSTABLE COUNTY.

BARNSTABLE.—"That the returns are quite incomplete, I am well aware; but they are as full as I can make them under the circumstances."

EASTHAM.—Births. "As the school committee have made no return, it is probable that there are a number that have not come to my knowledge."

PROVINCETOWN.—Marriages. "The clergymen forget or neglect to make the proper inquiries."

WELLFLEET.—Deaths. "There is great difficulty in obtaining a correct list, from negligence in sextons, in ascertaining the knowledge required by law."

YARMOUTH.—Deaths. "The account was obtained by the school committee at the same time as the births, as there appears to be no particular one who has charge of the burial grounds,"

No RETURNS from *Dennis* and *Truro*.

COUNTY OF DUKES COUNTY.

EDGARTOWN.—Marriages and Deaths. "The returns of marriages and deaths are not so full as I could have wished; ministers are negligent in ascertaining the ages of the parties united by them in marriage, and have laid the burden on

me. It is frequently the case, that the gentleman about to be married, sends me a note through a child, requesting to be published ; and, at the expiration of fourteen days, or more, (as the case may be,) takes the same method of getting his certificate ; by which means I have been unable to get the ages of several couples. In regard to the deaths, I will only say, that the sexton has not, during the past year, made return to me of a single death ; having left the collection of every item to myself. You will, therefore, receive the returns as they are, with all their imperfections, together with my wishes that they could have been more complete."

TISBURY.—"The clerk's office is held alternately in the east and west parishes of this town ; consequently the book and records are not so correctly kept, as if the office was filled by one man."

NANTUCKET COUNTY.

NANTUCKET.—*Deaths.* "The return is not so complete as I could have desired ; our sextons do not make their certificates full ; and, in very many cases, my information is derived from my own inquiry of the friends of the deceased ; and it often happens that foreigners die among us, of whom little information can be obtained, beyond the name."

TABLE I. 1. ABSTRACT OF THE RETURNS OF BIRTHS,
in the several Counties, for each month of the year ending April 30, 1846.

Month.	Sex.	COUNTIES.														Total.
		Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Franklin.	Berkshire.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.	Nantucket.	Dukes.		
May, . .	Male, . .	101	99	110	22	29	19	39	60	54	31	29	11	6	610	
	Female, . .	84	110	85	18	26	17	24	38	46	26	21	12	4	511	
	Not stated,	6	1	.	3	.	1	.	.	2	3	1	.	.	17	
June, . .	Male, . .	100	98	92	25	26	15	24	49	64	25	32	6	3	559	
	Female, . .	80	104	86	29	30	17	23	39	62	31	21	7	4	533	
	Not stated,	4	4	3	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	16	
July, . .	Male, . .	102	114	108	29	35	20	29	54	68	34	26	8	6	633	
	Female, . .	94	121	81	22	28	23	35	40	75	32	28	13	4	596	
	Not stated,	.	1	3	.	.	2	.	1	.	6	.	1	.	14	
August, . .	Male, . .	95	118	98	30	32	28	38	56	89	30	43	8	2	667	
	Female, . .	92	111	99	27	32	19	42	67	67	34	38	10	3	641	
	Not stated,	.	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	7	1	.	1	14
September,	Male, . .	123	130	110	22	37	28	32	52	75	35	34	14	3	695	
	Female, . .	123	123	91	25	31	22	26	54	78	35	32	5	.	645	
	Not stated,	1	.	5	1	.	.	.	1	.	7	1	.	.	16	
October, . .	Male, . .	124	135	103	33	38	21	34	66	73	38	31	6	1	703	
	Female, . .	113	133	94	31	32	18	32	34	69	35	29	8	2	630	
	Not stated,	.	1	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	5	.	.	.	12	
November,	Male, . .	111	118	107	21	45	26	24	56	69	49	31	11	2	670	
	Female, . .	89	127	86	21	28	21	30	40	72	37	21	15	.	587	
	Not stated,	3	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	1	8
December,	Male, . .	107	133	91	36	34	24	24	64	68	37	22	9	3	652	
	Female, . .	95	110	100	27	40	17	30	49	90	39	26	13	1	637	
	Not stated,	1	3	2	.	.	2	.	1	.	6	.	.	1	16	
January, . .	Male, . .	107	136	112	31	34	13	38	59	89	36	28	3	4	600	
	Female, . .	104	157	97	27	45	24	40	54	75	41	21	2	2	689	
	Not stated,	4	.	8	.	.	1	1	.	10	1	.	.	.	25	
February, . .	Male, . .	106	126	114	20	30	27	23	56	75	51	17	10	2	657	
	Female, . .	104	111	91	26	32	21	46	40	84	37	15	8	3	618	
	Not stated,	2	3	1	1	.	.	.	1	1	11	2	.	.	22	
March, . .	Male, . .	114	143	126	37	39	25	43	63	102	42	27	10	2	773	
	Female, . .	97	161	92	34	45	18	52	59	72	43	24	11	3	711	
	Not stated,	10	3	4	.	.	.	.	1	1	7	2	.	.	28
April, . .	Male, . .	107	133	131	29	40	29	35	45	84	49	26	11	5	724	
	Female, . .	108	131	111	25	34	24	42	56	92	39	14	10	7	693	
	Not stated,	8	2	8	1	.	1	.	4	1	8	1	.	.	34	
Total, . .	Male, . .	1297	1483	1302	335	419	275	383	600	910	457	346	107	39	8033	
	Female, . .	1183	1499	1113	312	403	241	422	570	882	429	290	114	33	7491	
	Not stated,	39	19	44	10	.	7	1	11	5	72	10	1	3	222	
Month not stated, . .	Male, . .	3	2	7	.	37	.	.	3	8	3	1	.	.	64	
	Female, . .	4	4	4	1	38	1	.	3	5	1	.	.	.	61	
	Not stated,	1	4	4	18	4	.	.	.	2	4	.	.	4	41	
Grand total,	. .	2527	3011	2474	676	901	524	806	1267	1812	966	647	222	79	15912	

TABLE I. 2. BIRTHS; PLURALITY CASES.

Month.	Sex.	COUNTIES.											Total.		
		Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Franklin.	Berkshire.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.		Dukes.	Nantucket.
May, . .	Male, . .	2	4	2	1	1	.	1	4	2	.	1	2	.	20
	Female, . .	2	2	.	1	1	.	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	10
	Not stated, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
June, . .	Male, . .	.	3	1	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	6
	Female, . .	4	3	1	.	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	12
	Not stated, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
July, . .	Male, . .	3	4	.	.	.	.	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	11
	Female, . .	1	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	7
	Not stated, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
August, . .	Male, . .	1	.	1	2	1	.	1	3	4	.	3	.	.	16
	Female, . .	3	.	1	.	1	.	1	3	2	.	1	.	.	12
	Not stated, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
September, . .	Male, . .	.	6	2	.	2	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	12
	Female, . .	.	2	2	.	2	3	1	.	3	.	.	.	.	13
	Not stated, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	2
October, . .	Male, . .	2	1	.	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	8
	Female, . .	2	3	.	1	3	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
	Not stated, . .	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
November, . .	Male, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	1	2	.	.	5
	Female, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	1	2	.	.	5
	Not stated, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
December, . .	Male, . .	1	2	4	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	10
	Female, . .	1	2	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	6
	Not stated, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
January, . .	Male, . .	3	2	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
	Female, . .	3	2	2	1	.	2	.	.	4	2	2	.	.	18
	Not stated, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	2
February, . .	Male, . .	2	4	.	.	1	.	.	2	2	2	.	.	.	13
	Female, . .	.	4	.	.	1	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	7
	Not stated, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
March, . .	Male, . .	5	4	1	.	2	5	.	.	.	.	3	1	1	22
	Female, . .	3	5	1	2	4	1	.	2	.	.	1	1	1	21
	Not stated, . .	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
April, . .	Male, . .	1	2	2	.	1	1	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	9
	Female, . .	1	2	.	.	3	3	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	13
	Not stated, . .	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Total, . .	Male, . .	20	32	15	7	9	7	6	11	14	3	12	3	1	140
	Female, . .	20	25	7	5	19	11	8	11	14	3	10	1	1	135
	Not stated, . .	2	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	8
Month not stated, . .	Male, . .	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Female, . .	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
	Not stated, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Grand total, . .	.	46	58	22	12	28	19	14	22	28	10	22	4	2	287

* A triplet case in New Salem.

TABLE II. 1. ABSTRACT OF THE RETURNS OF MARRIAGES,
*in the several Counties, for each month of the year, ending
 April 30, 1846.*

COUNTIES.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Month not stated.	TOTAL.
Essex, . .	91	78	57	41	69	98	118	109	57	55	51	69	15	908
Middlesex, .	84	88	58	81	88	123	166	95	81	68	56	124	7	1119
Worcester, .	93	70	39	44	75	93	114	79	63	33	57	110	1	871
Hampshire, .	22	11	7	13	28	21	26	15	14	12	18	20	2	209
Hampden, .	27	19	13	10	15	25	39	25	29	13	10	26	1	252
Franklin, .	24	13	8	3	6	13	23	9	14	9	7	15	7	151
Berkshire, .	9	7	4	6	16	14	16	12	4	9	9	8	.	114
Norfolk, .	40	35	18	24	37	50	60	41	37	17	21	49	1	430
Bristol, .	34	48	40	37	53	55	60	44	32	24	36	33	3	499
Plymouth, .	14	14	9	19	16	36	58	19	25	18	14	11	1	254
Barnstable, .	11	7	14	10	14	22	48	27	24	8	22	11	2	220
Dukes, .	1	2	4	3	1	5	.	1	2	3	1	2	.	25
Nantucket, .	7	11	6	8	7	4	13	7	5	5	5	6	.	84
Total, .	457	403	277	299	425	559	741	483	387	274	307	484	40	5136

TABLE II. 2. CONDITIONS AND AGES OF PARTIES TO MARRIAGES,

for the year ending 30th April, 1846.

(1.) BETWEEN BACHELORS AND MAIDS.

AGE OF THE MEN.	AGE OF THE WOMEN.														Total.
	Under 20.	20 to 25.	25 to 30.	30 to 35.	35 to 40.	40 to 45.	45 to 50.	50 to 55.	55 to 60.	60 to 65.	65 to 70.	70 to 75.	75 to 80.	80 and upwards. Age of women not stated.	
Under 20, . . .	34	31	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	68
20 to 25, . . .	574	834	88	8	1	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	29	1536
25 to 30, . . .	216	657	246	21	7	4	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	22	1174
30 to 35, . . .	28	112	77	26	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	6	254
35 to 40, . . .	4	27	19	16	6	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	75
40 to 45, . . .	.	6	3	7	4	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
45 to 50, . . .	.	1	3	4	1	1	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	11
50 to 55, . . .	.	2	.	2	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
55 to 60, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
60 to 65, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
65 to 70, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
70 to 75, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
75 to 80, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
80 and upwards, Age of men not stated, . . .	7	26	13	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	634	683
Total, . . .	863	1696	450	86	24	8	4	3	1	1	1	.	.	694	3631

(2.) BETWEEN BACHELORS AND WIDOWS.

Under 20, . . .	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
20 to 25, . . .	.	5	6	4	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
25 to 30, . . .	1	8	13	11	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	40
30 to 35, . . .	.	.	9	9	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
35 to 40, . . .	.	.	6	3	4	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
40 to 45, . . .	.	.	2	.	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
45 to 50, . . .	.	1	1	.	2	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	6
50 to 55, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55 to 60, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
60 to 65, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
65 to 70, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
70 to 75, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
75 to 80, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
80 and upwards, Age of men not stated, . . .	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24	26
Total, . . .	1	14	39	27	18	7	5	.	1	.	.	.	.	25	137

CONDITIONS AND AGES, &c.—*Continued.*

(3.) BETWEEN WIDOWERS AND MAIDS.

AGE OF THE MEN.	AGE OF THE WOMEN.														Total.
	Under 20.	20 to 25.	25 to 30.	30 to 35.	35 to 40.	40 to 45.	45 to 50.	50 to 55.	55 to 60.	60 to 65.	65 to 70.	70 to 75.	75 to 80.	80 and upwards. Age of women not stated.	
Under 20, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20 to 25, .	4	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
25 to 30, .	13	41	15	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	77
30 to 35, .	7	40	25	10	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	88
35 to 40, .	2	21	27	13	12	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	77
40 to 45, .	.	12	12	15	15	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	63
45 to 50, .	.	3	9	9	3	4	3	2	.	1	.	.	.	.	34
50 to 55, .	.	4	.	4	3	7	7	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	29
55 to 60, .	.	1	.	.	5	3	1	5	3	.	.	.	.	.	18
60 to 65, .	.	.	.	.	1	1	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	1	9
65 to 70, .	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	5
70 to 75, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	1	.	.	.	.	3
75 to 80, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
80 and upwards, Age of men not stated, . .	.	2	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	86	92
Total, . .	26	129	91	57	45	24	16	17	5	2	.	.	.	91	503

(4.) BETWEEN WIDOWERS AND WIDOWS.

AGE OF THE MEN.	Under 20.	20 to 25.	25 to 30.	30 to 35.	35 to 40.	40 to 45.	45 to 50.	50 to 55.	55 to 60.	60 to 65.	65 to 70.	70 to 75.	75 to 80.	80 and upwards.	Total.
Under 20,
20 to 25,	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
25 to 30,	1	4	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
30 to 35,	3	7	4	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
35 to 40,	1	7	6	3	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
40 to 45,	2	4	12	1	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
45 to 50,	1	7	7	10	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	32
50 to 55,	4	4	5	6	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
55 to 60,	3	5	1	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	15
60 to 65,	1	.	2	6	4	5	4	.	.	.	.	22
65 to 70,	1	4	2	.	2	.	.	1	11
70 to 75,	2	.	.	2	1	.	.	5
75 to 80,	1	2	1	.	4
80 and upwards, Age of men not stated,	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	2
Total,	5	21	27	31	24	25	17	12	4	5	4	1	1	215

CONDITIONS AND AGES, &c.—*Continued.*

(5.) CONDITION OF PARTIES NOT STATED.

AGE OF THE MEN.	AGE OF THE WOMEN.														Total.	TOTAL OF MARRIAGES.			
	Under 20.	20 to 25.	25 to 30.	30 to 35.	35 to 40.	40 to 45.	45 to 50.	50 to 55.	55 to 60.	60 to 65.	65 to 70.	70 to 75.	75 to 80.	80 and upwards.		Age of women not stated.	Total.	Men.	Women.
Under 20,	69	911	
20 to 25, . . .	16	16	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	34	1598
25 to 30, . . .	5	9	6	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	24	1321	615
30 to 35,	3	2	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	7	385	200	
35 to 40,	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	192	120	
40 to 45,	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	115	64	
45 to 50,	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	85	51	
50 to 55,	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	63	38	
55 to 60,	34	21	
60 to 65,	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	34	7	
65 to 70,	16	6	
70 to 75,	8	4	
75 to 80,	4	1	
80 and upwards,	2	1	
Age of men not stated,	372	372	1210	1225	
Total, . . .	21	28	14	3	2	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	377	450	5136	5136

NOTE.

These tables, in relation to marriage, are read as follows:—*First Table.* 574 men, between the ages of 20 and 25, were married to women under 20; 8 women, between 30 and 35, were married to men between 20 and 25; or 4 men, between 35 and 40, were married to women under 20.—*Second Table.* 11 men, between 25 and 30, were married to widows between 30 and 35; or 1 man, between 45 and 50, married a widow between 55 and 60.—*Third Table.* 12 widowers, between 40 and 45, were married to women between 20 and 25, who had not before been married; and 1, between 70 and 75, to a woman between 60 and 65, &c. &c. The other Tables in a similar manner.

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CAUSES OF DEATH—Continued.

DISEASE.	SEX.		AGE.												TIME OF DECEASE.												PLACE OF BIRTH.					Total.				
	Male.	Female.	Not stated.	Under 1 year.	1 year to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	100 and upwards.	Unknown.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	AMERICANS.					
																															Natives of the place where they died.		Natives of other places.	Foreigners.	Not stated.	
Erysipelas, -	36	-	-	6	-	1	2	1	1	5	5	1	5	6	2	-	1	5	6	2	2	1	1	2	4	5	3	3	4	4	23	8	1	4	-	
" -	-	48	-	4	1	5	-	6	8	5	3	4	8	2	2	-	-	1	4	4	3	2	2	2	1	5	4	4	7	3	31	11	3	8	84	
Fever, -	129	-	1	7	3	11	18	22	12	14	7	8	6	12	7	-	3	9	13	9	9	9	18	14	11	9	12	9	10	13	79	27	4	20	-	
" -	-	119	-	2	2	17	10	20	23	10	11	10	5	5	3	-	1	5	4	4	4	8	16	14	12	14	9	10	13	10	65	25	4	25	249	
Fever, Bilious, -	17	-	-	-	1	2	5	1	2	-	2	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	3	1	3	1	3	1	2	1	-	3	1	11	1	1	4	-
" " -	-	15	-	-	2	1	2	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	3	1	-	4	3	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	7	4	1	3	32	
Fever, Intermittent, -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	5	-	
" " -	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	5	
Fever, Puerperal, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	16	8	3	-	-	-	-	2	7	1	2	1	3	1	3	-	4	1	3	5	1	13	10	5	2	30	
" " -	-	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	9	
Fever, Remittent, -	6	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	
" " -	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fever, Typhus, -	162	-	-	-	1	2	8	35	44	33	14	4	8	8	2	-	3	8	7	13	20	22	32	16	16	7	8	5	6	96	51	2	13	-	-	
" " -	-	202	-	1	6	10	73	44	28	9	10	8	3	4	-	-	7	4	7	8	30	34	38	27	19	10	6	6	14	111	64	6	22	365	-	
Fever, Yellow, -	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	3	
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DISEASE.	SEX.		AGE.													TIME OF DECEASE.												PLACE OF BIRTH.									
	Male.	Female.	Under 1 year.	1 year to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	100 and upwards.	Unknown.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Natives of the place where they died.	Natives of other places.	Foreigners.	Not stated.	Total.			
Lungs, Disease of,	15	-	2	2	1	4	1	1	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	4	3	13	2	-	5	29		
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Malformation,	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4		
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Marasmus,	6	-	5	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4		
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Measles,	19	6	4	9	2	6	3	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	2	1	2	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	1	4	13	4	-	2	46		
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Mortification,	11	27	1	9	2	6	-	6	2	1	2	1	2	4	2	-	1	5	1	1	2	2	-	1	1	1	4	1	1	2	3	6	5	2	1	3	24
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Nephritis,	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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Old Age,	306	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	7	82	155	58	-	2	30	19	26	17	28	27	21	32	26	27	29	24	168	62	5	71	688			
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Ovaries, Disease of,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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Paralysis,	69	3	-	-	1	-	2	1	4	6	17	27	10	1	-	-	1	10	10	1	4	9	5	3	5	5	7	4	6	41	17	5	6	-	3		
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Pericarditis,	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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TABLE III. 2. CLASSIFICATION OF CAUSES OF DEATH IN
THE SEVERAL COUNTIES,*for the year ending April 30th, 1846.*

DISEASES.	Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Berkshire.	Franklin.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.	Nantucket and Dukes.	TOTALS.
1. ZYMOTIC DISEASES; OR, EPIDEMIC, ENDEMIC, AND CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.													
1 Cholera,	4	8	8	1	7	2	2	3	2	1	1	1	40
2 Cholera Infantum,	43	66	61	10	17	9	4	30	8	6	2	2	258
3 Croup,	46	48	44	8	7	5	4	10	27	8	5	6	218
4 Diarrhœa,	17	12	10	.	3	2	1	6	.	.	3	1	55
5 Dysentery,	15	14	13	11	8	4	3	20	20	2	9	3	122
6 Erysipelas,	16	7	12	5	18	1	19	2	.	3	1	.	84
7 Fever, Intermittent, . . . . .	.	.	1	1	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	.	5
8 " Remittent,	2	.	1	.	.	.	1	2	2	4	.	.	12
9 " Typhus,	113	123	132	26	53	26	14	32	47	28	13	5	614
10 Hooping Cough,	14	29	10	.	2	7	1	12	17	3	3	2	100
11 Influenza, . . . . .	.	2	3	4	.	.	1	.	1	2	3	.	16
12 Measles,	1	12	8	9	4	10	.	1	4	.	1	1	46
13 Scarlatina,	144	64	118	31	12	14	14	30	54	16	19	.	516
14 Small Pox,	3	12	7	.	2	2	.	.	3	3	.	.	33
15 Syphilis, . . . . .	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
16 Thrush, . . . . .	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Totals,	418	398	423	110	133	82	65	150	185	76	60	21	2121
2. DISEASES OF GENERAL OR UNCERTAIN SEAT.													
17 Abscess,	2	3	4	.	.	.	1	3	.	.	.	.	13
18 Atrophy, . . . . .	.	.	.	3	3	.	.	1	.	.	4	2	13
19 Cancer,	22	19	19	3	5	8	5	7	7	10	1	7	113
20 Debility, . . . . .	.	1	4	.	3	1	.	1	1	2	.	.	13
21 Dropsy,	42	46	46	7	16	11	14	15	17	13	4	4	235
22 Gout, . . . . .	.	2	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
23 Hemorrhage,	9	4	3	1	3	1	.	4	4	.	1	.	30
24 Infantile Diseases,	166	225	261	69	85	52	33	66	103	54	30	43	1187
25 Inflammation,	7	9	6	1	.	2	.	3	3	.	.	.	31
26 Malformation, . . . . .	.	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
27 Mortification,	4	4	7	1	2	2	.	2	1	1	.	.	24
28 Scrofula,	5	4	3	1	3	4	1	.	7	2	.	1	31
29 Sudden Deaths,	5	1	2	.	.	1	1	3	2	2	2	.	19
30 Tumor,	4	2	1	.	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	12
Totals,	266	322	359	87	122	84	55	107	145	84	42	57	1730

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE SEVERAL COUNTIES—*Continued.*

DISEASES.	Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Berkshire.	Franklin.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.	Nantucket and Dukes.	Totals.
3. DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM.													
31 Apoplexy,	8	16	11	2	5	5	6	5	5	3	2	1	69
32 Cephalitis, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33 Chorea, . . . . .	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	2
34 Convulsions,	28	30	21	10	8	4	3	12	13	8	3	6	146
35 Delirium Tremens,	2	4	5	1	3	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	17
36 Epilepsy,	1	2	4	.	2	2	.	.	2	.	.	.	13
37 Hydrocephalus,	54	61	33	7	12	18	4	14	14	8	5	1	231
38 Insanity,	3	.	2	1	.	.	.	1	.	1	1	.	9
39 Paralysis,	47	21	31	7	5	16	9	13	9	10	6	3	177
40 Tetanus,	2	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
41 Brain, &c., Disease of,	24	20	7	6	8	6	2	8	10	7	4	.	102
Totals,	169	154	115	34	43	51	26	53	55	37	21	11	769
4. DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY ORGANS.													
42 Asthma,	2	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	1	6
43 Bronchitis, . . . . .	.	4	5	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	12
44 Consumption,	400	406	371	73	114	106	54	140	188	118	73	61	2104
45 Hydrothorax,	6	.	3	.	1	2	.	2	3	.	.	1	18
46 Laryngitis, . . . . .	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
47 Pleurisy,	3	9	5	1	2	3	.	1	3	4	1	1	33
48 Pneumonia,	35	49	37	5	19	15	5	20	26	9	9	6	235
49 Quinsy,	3	.	1	.	1	.	2	.	2	.	.	.	9
50 Lungs, &c., Disease of,	1	1	6	9	1	2	1	4	3	1	.	.	29
Totals,	450	470	428	89	139	129	62	168	226	132	84	70	2447
5. DISEASES OF THE ORGANS OF CIRCULATION.													
51 Aneurism, . . . . .	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	3
52 Pericarditis, . . . . .	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
53 Heart, &c., Disease of,	37	14	40	3	6	8	.	13	7	12	7	.	147
Totals,	37	15	41	3	6	8	.	13	7	13	7	1	151
6. DISEASES OF THE DIGESTIVE ORGANS.													
54 Ascites, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55 Colic,	1	2	2	.	1	.	1	2	2	1	.	.	12
56 Dyspepsia, . . . . .	.	1	5	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	8
57 Enteritis,	23	15	19	11	22	12	5	6	13	2	1	3	132
58 Gastritis,	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	4
59 Hernia,	4	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	9
60 Intussusception,	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	1	.	5
61 Peritonitis,	1	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	5
62 Teething,	7	5	3	1	.	1	.	1	5	.	4	3	30
63 Ulceration, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
64 Worms, . . . . .	.	1	1	.	.	2	1	.	2	.	.	.	7

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE SEVERAL COUNTIES—*Continued.*

DISEASES.		Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Berkshire.	Franklin.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.	Nantucket and Dukes.	Totals.
65	Organs, &c., Disease of, .	6	2	3	1	.	2	2	16	11	7	3	.	53
66	Pancreas, Disease of, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
67	Hepatitis, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
68	Jaundice,	3	4	.	.	2	.	.	1	2	1	.	1	14
69	Liver, Disease of, . . .	8	10	9	2	3	4	1	5	4	1	1	1	49
70	Spleen, Disease of, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Totals,		56	42	48	15	28	21	10	34	39	15	12	8	328
7. DISEASES OF THE URINARY ORGANS.														
71	Diabetes,	1	3	3	4	1	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	15
72	Cystitis, . . . . .	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	3
73	Gravel,	1	2	.	1	1	1	1	.	2	.	.	.	9
74	Nephritis, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
75	Kidneys, &c., Disease of,	.	2	1	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	2	2	9
Totals,		2	8	5	5	2	5	1	.	2	2	2	2	36
8. DISEASES OF THE ORGANS OF GENERATION.														
76	Childbirth,	6	8	9	5	3	4	2	1	3	1	1	2	45
77	Puerperal Fever, . . .	3	9	3	3	8	1	.	.	3	.	.	.	30
78	Paramenia, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
79	Organs, &c., Disease of, .	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	1	2	.	.	5
Totals,		9	17	14	8	11	5	2	1	4	6	1	2	80
9. DISEASES OF THE ORGANS OF LOCOMOTION.														
80	Rheumatism,	2	3	2	1	2	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	13
81	Joints, &c., Disease of, .	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	2
82	Hip, Disease of,	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	3
83	Spine, Disease of, . . .	4	7	.	2	2	2	2	.	.	2	.	.	21
Totals,		7	11	2	4	4	4	2	1	1	3	.	.	39
10. DISEASES OF THE INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM.														
84	Fistula, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
85	Ulcers,	3	.	2	.	2	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	9
86	Purpura, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
87	Skin, &c., Disease of, . .	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Totals,		3	1	2	.	2	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	10
88	11. OF OLD AGE,	94	91	101	46	39	38	49	56	57	61	28	28	688
12. OF EXTERNAL CAUSES.														
89	Burns and Scalds, . . .	4	6	8	.	2	2	2	2	5	3	2	.	36
90	Casualties,	18	27	30	3	17	5	4	5	10	7	4	1	131

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE SEVERAL COUNTIES—*Continued.*

	DISEASES.	Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Berkshire.	Franklin.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.	Nantucket and Dukes.	TOTALS.
92	Drowned, . . .	32	21	16	3	5	3	.	4	2	11	14	4	115
94	Fractures, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Intemperance, . . .	1	7	3	2	2	1	1	.	1	1	.	.	19
103	Poisoned, . . .	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	5
105	Suffocation, . . .	.	.	3	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	5
106	Suicide, . . .	8	10	7	.	1	.	2	1	1	.	1	.	31
	Totals, . . .	64	73	67	8	28	11	9	18	19	23	21	6	342
108	13. CAUSES NOT SPECIFIED, . . .	58	96	111	29	50	23	8	25	30	9	25	4	470
109	14. STILLBORN, . . .	40	22	18	1	7	3	6	3	8	1	.	.	109
	Totals, . . .	1673	1722	1734	439	614	465	295	624	779	462	308	210	9320

NOTES TO THE ABSTRACTS OF DISEASES.

It has been considered desirable to institute, as far as we can from the returns, a comparison of the prevalence of particular diseases, in the same districts, for different years. Boston having made no returns of deaths for the last three years, the County of Suffolk is excluded in the several abstracts of deaths.

In the Tables for 1846, the Alphabetical Abstract contains the names of the diseases, generally, as they appear in the returns. In the Classified Abstract, they are arranged after the plan of the Registrar General of Births, Marriages and Deaths in England, with some alterations, which circumstances in this country seemed to dictate. They are numbered for the purpose of convenient reference, and each class is arranged alphabetically. The numbers in parentheses, in the following notes, are references to the heads, under which diseases are arranged in the Classified Abstract. Those who may wish for a more particular sub-division of the diseases for 1846, or the age or month of the year in which they occurred, may consult the Alphabetical Abstract.

NOTES—1846.

Zimotic Diseases.—Under Cholera (1) are included 21 cases of Cholera Morbus, and 12 of Bilious Colic. Under Fever Remittent (8) are included 3 cases of Yellow Fever. Under Fever Typhus (9) are included 193 cases of Fever, 46 of Brain Fever, 5 of Nervous, 5 of Congestive, 8 of Inflammatory, 4 of Typhoid, and 6 of Putrid Fever. Under Scarlatina (13) are included 104 cases of Canker, 34 of Throat Distemper, and 7 of Throat Disease. Under Small Pox (14) are included 1 case of Varioloid, and 2 of the Chicken Pox.

Diseases of Uncertain or General Seat.—Under Cancer (19) are included 2 cases of Fungus-hæmatodes. Under Hemorrhage (23) are included 2 cases of Bleeding Piles, and 1 of Rupture. Under Scrofula (28) are included 3 cases of Humor and 1 case of King's Evil. Under Brain, &c., Disease of (41) are included 38 cases of Inflammation of the Brain, 17 of Congestion of the Brain, and 4 cases of Neuralgia.

Diseases of the Respiratory Organs.—Under Bronchitis (43) is included 1 case of Catarrh. Under Pneumonia (48) are included 95 cases of Lung Fever, 22 of Inflammation of the Lungs. Under Disease of the Lungs (50) are included 3 cases of Congestion of the Lungs.

Diseases of the Organs of Circulation.—Under Heart, &c., Disease of (53) are included 7 cases of Anemia, and 4 cases of Angina Pectoris.

Diseases of the Digestive Organs.—Under Colic (55) are included 3 cases of Constipation of the Bowels, and 1 of Painter's Colic. Under Enteritis (57) are included 72 cases of Inflammation of the Bowels, and 32 cases of Bilious Fever. Under Organs, &c., Disease of (65) are included 47 cases of Disease of the Bowels, and 6 cases of Disease of the Stomach.

Diseases of the Urinary Organs.—Under Kidneys, &c., Disease of (75) are included 2 cases of Disease of the Urinary Organs.

Diseases of the Organs of Generation.—Under Organs, &c., Disease of (79) are included 3 cases of Disease of the Ovaries and 2 of Strangury.

Diseases of the Organs of Locomotion.—Under Joints, &c., Disease of (81) are included 2 cases of Disease of the Bones.

Diseases of the Integumentary System.—Under Skin, &c. Disease of (87) is included 1 case of Carbuncle.

Under Casualty (90) are included 3 cases of Sun Struck, 2 cases of Killed by Lightning, and 2 Found Frozen.

Under Intemperance (99) 1 by Chewing Opium.

TABLE III. 3. ABSTRACT OF RETURNS OF CAUSES OF DEATHS,

in the three years 1844, 1845 and 1846.

	CAUSES OF DEATH.	1844.	1845.	1846.	To 10,000 Deaths by all Specified Causes, there were in		
					1844.	1845.	1846.
	All Causes,	8250	8642	9211			
	Specified Causes,	7076	8070	8741	10,000	10,000	10,000
1	Zimotic Diseases, or Epidemic, Endemic, and Contagious Diseases,	1627	2208	2121	2299	2736	2427
	SPORADIC DISEASES						
2	Of Uncertain or General Seat,	1150	889	1730	1625	1102	1979
3	Of the Nervous System,	631	794	769	892	984	880
4	Of the Respiratory Organs,	2036	2542	2447	2878	3150	2799
5	Of the Organs of Circulation,	141	136	151	199	168	172
6	Of the Digestive Organs,	433	517	328	612	641	375
7	Of the Urinary Organs,	32	32	36	45	40	41
8	Of the Organs of Generation,	68	95	80	96	118	92
9	Of the Organs of Locomotion,	34	34	39	48	42	45
10	Of the Integumentary System,	12	17	10	17	21	12
11	Of Old Age,	631	504	688	892	624	787
12	Of External Causes,	281	302	342	397	374	391
	Totals,	7076	8070	8741	10,000	10,000	10,000
	1.						
1	Cholera,	28	45	40	40	56	46
2	Cholera Infantum,	87	111	258	123	138	294
3	Croup,	122	261	218	172	323	250
4	Diarrhoea,	30	24	55	42	30	63
5	Dysentery,	120	200	122	170	248	140
6	Erysipelas,	104	111	84	147	137	96
7	Fever Intermittent, . . . . .	.	3	5	.	4	6
8	Fever Remittent,	2	6	12	3	7	14
9	Fever Typhus,	634	772	614	896	957	703
10	Whooping Cough,	60	68	100	85	84	114
11	Influenza,	68	16	16	96	20	18
12	Measles,	32	44	46	45	54	53
13	Scarlatina,	328	538	516	463	667	590
14	Small Pox,	11	5	32	16	6	37
15	Syphilis, . . . . .	.	3	1	.	4	1
16	Thrush,	1	1	2	1	1	2
	Totals,	1627	2208	2121	2299	2736	2427
	2.						
17	Abscess,	9	3	13	13	4	15
18	Atrophy,	50	18	13	71	22	15
19	Cancer,	94	99	113	133	123	129
20	Debility,	25	15	13	35	19	15

CAUSES OF DEATHS—*Continued.*

CAUSES OF DEATH.	1844.	1845.	1846.	To 10,000 Deaths by all Specified Causes, there were in		
				1844.	1845.	1846.
21 Dropsy,	163	181	235	230	224	269
22 Gout,	2	5	5	3	6	6
23 Hemorrhage,	20	28	30	28	35	34
24 Infantile Diseases,	663	450	1187	937	558	1358
25 Inflammation,	35	6	31	49	7	35
26 Malformation,	4	4	4	6	5	5
27 Mortification,	25	26	24	35	32	27
28 Scrofula,	27	42	31	38	52	35
29 Sudden Deaths,	27	.	19	38	.	22
30 Tumor,	6	12	12	9	15	14
Totals,	1150	889	1730	1625	1102	1979
3.						
31 Apoplexy,	82	82	69	116	101	79
32 Cephalitis,	92	94	38	130	116	44
33 Chorea,	3	2	2	4	3	2
34 Convulsions,	130	204	146	184	254	167
35 Delirium Tremens, . . . . .	.	13	17	.	16	19
36 Epilepsy,	15	7	13	22	9	15
37 Hydrocephalus,	129	189	231	182	234	264
38 Insanity,	10	12	9	14	15	10
39 Paralysis,	111	117	177	157	145	203
40 Tetanus,	3	5	3	4	6	3
41 Brain, &c., Disease of,	56	69	64	79	85	74
Totals,	631	794	769	892	984	880
4.						
42 Asthma,	4	9	6	6	11	7
43 Bronchitis,	15	12	12	21	15	14
44 Consumption,	1634	2072	2104	2309	2567	2407
45 Hydrothorax,	16	49	18	23	61	20
46 Laryngitis,	2	5	1	3	6	1
47 Pleurisy,	25	20	33	36	25	38
48 Pneumonia,	337	350	235	476	434	269
49 Quinsy,	3	11	9	4	14	10
50 Lungs, &c., Disease of, . . . . .	.	14	29	.	17	33
Totals,	2036	2542	2447	2878	3150	2799
5.						
51 Aneurism,	2	3	3	3	4	4
52 Pericarditis, . . . . .	.	13	1	.	16	1
53 Heart, &c., Disease of,	139	120	147	196	148	167
Totals,	141	136	151	199	168	172
6.						
54 Ascites, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.
55 Colic,	15	34	12	21	42	14
56 Dyspepsia,	6	12	8	8	15	9
57 Enteritis,	116	145	132	165	179	151

CAUSES OF DEATHS—*Continued.*

	CAUSES OF DEATH.	1844.	1845.	1846.	To 10,000 Deaths by all Specified Causes, there were in		
					1844.	1845.	1846.
58	Gastritis,	16	11	4	22	13	4
59	Hernia,	19	.	9	28	.	10
60	Intussusception,	17	5	5	24	6	6
61	Peritonitis,	16	12	5	23	15	6
62	Teething,	24	31	30	34	38	34
63	Ulceration,	23	.	.	32	.	.
64	Worms,	4	10	7	6	12	8
65	Organs, &c., Disease of,	139	194	53	196	243	61
66	Pancreas, Disease of, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.
67	Hepatitis,	4	.	.	6	.	.
68	Jaundice,	7	12	14	10	15	16
69	Liver, Disease of,	27	51	49	37	63	56
70	Spleen, Disease of, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Totals,	433	517	328	612	641	375
	7.						
71	Diabetes,	7	7	15	10	9	17
72	Cystitis,	5	5	3	7	16	3
73	Gravel,	11	9	9	15	11	10
74	Nephritis,	9	3	.	13	4	.
75	Kidneys, &c., Disease of, . . . . .	.	8	9	.	10	11
	Totals,	32	32	36	45	40	41
	8.						
76	Childbirth,	30	52	45	42	65	52
77	Puerperal Fever,	33	35	30	47	43	34
78	Paramenia,	1	.	.	1	.	.
79	Organs, &c., Disease of,	4	8	5	6	10	6
	Totals,	68	95	80	96	118	92
	9.						
80	Rheumatism,	14	17	13	20	21	15
81	Joints, &c., Disease of, . . . . .	.	1	2	.	1	2
82	Hip, Disease of,	1	2	3	1	3	3
83	Spine, Disease of,	19	14	21	27	17	25
	Totals,	34	34	39	48	42	45
	10.						
84	Fistula, . . . . .	.	1	.	.	1	.
85	Ulcers,	8	10	9	12	12	11
86	Purpura,	3	4	.	4	5	.
87	Skin, &c., Disease of,	1	2	1	1	3	1
	Totals,	12	17	10	17	21	12
	11.						
88	Old Age,	631	504	688	892	624	787

CAUSES OF DEATHS—*Continued.*

	CAUSES OF DEATH.	1844.	1845.	1846.	To 10,000 Deaths by all Specified Causes, there were in		
					1844.	1845.	1846.
	12.						
89	Burns and Scalds, . . .	22	33	36	31	41	41
90	Casualties, . . .	81	84	131	115	104	150
91	Drinking Cold Water, . . .						
92	Drowned, . . .	88	114	115	124	141	131
93	Executed, . . .						
94	Fractures, . . .	5	3		7	4	
95	Frozen, . . .	1			1		
96	Glanders, . . .						
97	Hydrophobia, . . .						
98	Homicide, . . .	5			7		
99	Intemperance, . . .	40	23	19	57	29	22
100	Lightning, . . .						
101	Malpractice, . . .	1			1		
102	Necrosis, . . .						
103	Poisoned, . . .	6	10	5	9	12	6
104	Starvation, . . .						
105	Suffocation, . . .		6	5		7	6
106	Suicide, . . .	32	29	31	45	36	35
107	Wounds, . . .						
	Totals, . . .	281	302	342	397	374	391
	13.						
108	Causes not specified, . . .	1174	572	470	1658	709	538
	14.						
109	Stillborn, . . .	49	73	109	69	90	125

NOTE.

The number of the *stillborn*, in 1846, is stated above to be 109, while in the table on the opposite page it is 58. The cause of this disagreement is that the first number (109) was abstracted from the returns of the deaths; and the second (58) from the returns of the births. The stillborn should always be fully reported, both among the births and deaths; but, having never lived as separate, independent persons, they should be excluded in numbering the deaths. This has been done in all the calculations in these tables. A deduction of 470 for causes not specified, leaves 8741 as the number of deaths for specified causes, and this was the basis of the calculations.

TABLE III. 4. STILLBORN CASES.*

Month.	Sex.	COUNTIES.											Total.	
		Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Franklin.	Berkshire.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.		Dukes.	Nantucket.
May, . .	Male, . .	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Female, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	2
June, . .	Male, . .	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
	Female, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	2
	Not stated,	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
July, . .	Male, . .	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Female, .	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
August, .	Male, . .	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	3
	Female, .	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
September,	Male, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	1	.	3
	Female, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	2
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
October, .	Male, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1
	Female, .	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
	Not stated,	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
November,	Male, . .	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	2
	Female, .	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
December,	Male, . .	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	2
	Female, .	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
January, .	Male, . .	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Female, .	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Not stated,	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
February, .	Male, . .	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	3
	Female, .	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Not stated,	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	2
March, . .	Male, . .	.	.	2	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	5
	Female, .	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
April, . .	Male, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Female, .	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	2	.	5
	Not stated,	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Total, . .	Male, . .	1	1	7	3	.	1	1	8	.	.	2	.	24
	Female, .	5	.	3	2	.	1	1	2	2	.	3	.	19
	Not stated,	.	.	1	4	.	3	.	.	.	.	2	1	11
Month not stated, .	Male, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Female, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Not stated,	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	4
Grand total,	.	7	1	11	9	.	5	2	10	2	3	4	4	58

* From returns of Births.

TABLE IV. FACTS ILLUSTRATING THE INFLUENCE OF
OCCUPATION ON LONGEVITY,

Showing the number, and the aggregate and average ages of individuals differently employed, abstracted from the returns.

[NOTE. In 1845 and 1846, no person under 20 years of age is included in this abstract. It is supposed that occupations have no particular influence before that time.]

OCCUPATIONS.	1844.			1845.			1846.		
	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.
Clergymen, . . .	18	935	51.96	11	555	50.00	14	897	64.07
Editors, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	45	45.00
Lawyers, . . .	7	311	44.92	7	346	49.42	8	472	59.00
Physicians, . . .	27	1464	54.25	20	1132	56.60	21	1000	47.64
Professors, . . .	2	75	37.50	.	.	.	.	.	.
Scholars, . . .	14	291	20.79	3	70	23.33	1	21	21.00
Teachers, . . .	14	473	33.78	21	626	29.85	9	412	45.78
Total, . . .	82	3549	43.28	62	2724	43.93	54	2847	52.72
Booksellers, . . .	2	63	31.50	1	26	26.00	.	.	.
Brokers, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	108	54.00
Gentlemen, . . .	12	925	77.14	9	613	68.11	10	662	66.20
Merchants, . . .	59	3019	51.17	46	2304	50.08	42	2313	55.07
Traders, . . .	2	49	24.50	34	1460	42.94	27	1213	44.92
Total, . . .	75	4056	54.08	90	4403	48.92	81	4296	53.04
Farmers, . . .	663	42,447	64.02	645	39,869	61.64	679	45,241	66.63
Clerks, . . .	11	270	24.54	11	402	36.54	14	518	37.00
Public Officers, . . .	8	461	57.63	6	338	56.33	7	331	47.29
Engineers, . . .	.	.	.	2	63	31.50	2	62	31.00
Innkeepers, . . .	6	286	47.79	8	393	49.12	7	355	50.71
Stage Drivers, . . .	.	.	.	4	147	36.75	3	105	35.00
Drovers, . . .	.	.	.	1	20	20.00	.	.	.
Wharfingers, . . .	.	.	.	3	181	60.33	.	.	.
Baggage Masters, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	25	25.00
Total, . . .	25	1017	40.68	35	1544	44.11	34	1396	41.06
Bakers, . . .	6	343	57.19	4	191	47.75	5	194	38.80
Barbers, . . .	4	236	59.03	1	24	24.00	3	142	47.33
Basket-makers, . . .	1	69	69.05
Blacksmiths, . . .	31	1550	50.00	45	2346	52.13	43	2197	51.09

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INFLUENCE OF OCCUPATION, &c.—Continued.

OCCUPATIONS.	1844.			1845.			1846.		
	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.
Block-makers, . . . . .	.	.	.	2	131	65.50	2	132	66.00
Bookbinders, . . . . .	.	.	.	1	29	29.00	1	41	41.00
Brake and Firemen, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	110	27.50
Brick-makers, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	90	45.00
Brush-makers, . . . . .	.	.	.	1	39	39.00	1	66	66.00
Butchers,	5	225	45.08	6	320	53.33	8	294	36.75
Cabinet-makers,	11	499	45.54	13	642	49.38	9	414	46.00
Card-makers,	1	53	53.00	1	31	31.00	3	138	46.00
Carpenters,	76	3908	51.42	79	4129	52.26	70	3426	48.94
Caulkers and Gravers,	1	62	62.00	2	145	72.50	3	199	66.33
Chair-makers,	3	122	40.66	.	.	.	6	206	34.33
Chaise-makers, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	140	70.00
Cigar-makers,	4	136	34.00	2	60	30.00	1	20	20.00
Clock-makers,	1	46	46.00	.	.	.	.	.	.
Clothiers,	2	143	71.50	.	.	.	2	95	47.50
Comb-makers,	3	161	53.66	.	.	.	2	84	42.00
Confectioners, . . . . .	.	.	.	1	61	51.00	.	.	.
Coopers,	14	705	50.39	13	843	64.76	19	1030	54.21
Coppersmiths, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	42	42.00
Curriers and Tanners,	4	223	55.77	2	54	27.00	10	437	43.70
Cutlers,	1	24	24.00	2	111	55.50	.	.	.
Dentists, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	86	43.00
Distillers, . . . . .	.	.	.	1	51	51.00	.	.	.
Druggists, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	57	57.00
Dyers, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	110	36.67
Engravers, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	127	31.75
Founders, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	25	25.00
Furnace-men,	4	158	39.71	1	32	32.00	1	22	22.00
Gas-preparers,	1	25	25.00	.	.	.	.	.	.
Glass-cutters, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	37	37.00
Grave-diggers,	1	61	61.00	.	.	.	.	.	.
Gunsmiths,	1	30	30.00	.	.	.	1	80	80.00
Harness-makers,	2	114	57.00	7	340	48.57	4	152	38.00
Hatters,	5	255	51.11	5	348	69.60	10	553	55.30
Inspectors of beef, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	43	43.00
Jewellers,	3	92	30.66	5	240	48.00	4	163	40.75
Last-makers,	2	68	34.00	.	.	.	.	.	.
Leather-dressers,	8	395	49.47	.	.	.	5	245	49.00
Machinists,	6	170	28.37	13	437	33.61	16	503	31.44
Manufacturers,	4	149	37.28	31	1333	43.00	6	253	42.17
Masons,	14	603	43.10	21	1182	56.28	20	990	49.50
Mast-makers,	1	75	75.00	.	.	.	1	58	58.00
Mechanics,	16	722	45.17	9	406	45.11	7	345	49.33
Millers,	4	240	60.00	5	242	48.50	5	363	72.60
Millwrights,	1	26	26.00	.	.	.	1	51	51.00
Nailers,	2	37	18.70	4	153	38.24	3	132	44.00
Oil manufacturers,	1	43	43.00	.	.	.	.	.	.
Operatives,	9	266	38.41	.	.	.	12	426	35.50
Organ builders, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	61	61.00
Painters,	21	869	41.40	10	411	41.10	16	644	40.25

INFLUENCE OF OCCUPATION, &c.—*Continued.*

OCCUPATIONS.	1844.			1845.			1846.		
	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.
Paper-makers,	4	177	44.25	3	124	41.33	3	172	57.33
Paper-stainers, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	28	28.00
Pattern-makers, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	45	45.00
Pianoforte-makers, . . . . .	.	.	.	1	24	24.00	.	.	.
Pile-drivers, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	54	54.00
Pocketbook-makers, . . . . .	.	.	.	1	69	69.00	.	.	.
Potters, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	80	80.00
Powder-makers, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	97	32.33
Printers,	4	207	51.75	4	118	29.50	4	130	32.50
Pump and Block-makers,	1	48	48.00	.	.	.	2	164	82.00
Razorstrop-makers,	1	47	47.00	.	.	.	.	.	.
Riggers, . . . . .	.	.	.	1	53	53.00	1	37	37.00
Rope-makers,	4	156	39.18	2	90	45.00	7	426	60.86
Sail-makers,	2	140	70.00	.	.	.	3	127	42.33
Salt manufacturers,	2	109	54.89	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sculptors, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	93	93.00
Shipwrights,	10	648	64.85	5	290	58.00	8	498	62.25
Shoe-makers,	110	4395	39.95	134	5596	41.76	133	5586	42.00
Soap-makers, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	60	60.00
Stablers,	3	83	27.66	3	158	39.50	2	63	31.50
Stone-cutters,	6	390	65.00	10	416	41.61	16	688	43.00
Tailors,	12	534	46.56	12	600	50.00	5	272	54.40
Tallow-chandlers,	1	53	53.00	.	.	.	1	64	64.00
Telescope-makers,	1	25	25.00	.	.	.	.	.	.
Tinmen,	1	19	19.00	.	.	.	3	141	47.00
Trunk-makers, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	33	33.00
Umbrella-makers, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	43	43.00
Victuallers,	2	104	52.47	3	140	46.66	.	.	.
Weavers, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	6	295	49.17
Well-diggers, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	25	25.00
Wheelwrights,	12	515	42.75	6	192	32.00	6	242	40.33
Whip-makers, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	32	32.00
Wood-turners,	1	34	34.00	1	56	56.00	.	.	.
Wool-dyers,	1	42	42.00	1	55	55.00	.	.	.
Wool-sorters, . . . . .	.	.	.	2	96	48.00	2	95	47.50
Total,	452	20,629	45.63	477	22,398	46.96	538	24,613	45.75
Male Domestics,	20	1129	56.47	.	.	.	1	97	97.00
Laborers,	158	8034	50.85	208	10,358	49.79	209	10,238	49.00
Teamsters,	4	153	38.41	11	332	30.18	6	344	57.33
Total,	182	9316	51.18	219	10,690	48.81	216	10,679	49.44
Fish-dealers,	1	68	68.00	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fishermen,	13	528	40.66	14	580	41.42	7	316	45.14
Freighters,	3	117	39.16	.	.	.	2	83	41.50
Pilots,	1	74	74.00	.	.	.	2	133	66.50

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INFLUENCE OF OCCUPATION, &c.—Continued.

OCCUPATIONS.	1844.			1845.			1846.		
	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.
Seamen, . . .	129	4746	37.02	131	5626	42.94	108	5266	48.76
Shipmasters, . . .	11	693	63.06	.	.	.	.	.	.
Shoremen, . . .	4	274	68.70	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total, . . .	162	6500	40.12	145	6206	42.80	119	5798	48.72
Paupers, . . .	31	2270	73.25	5	408	81.60	36	2503	69.53
Insane, . . .	4	212	53.00	.	.	.	1	68	68.00
Total, . . .	35	2482	70.91	5	408	81.60	37	2571	69.48
FEMALES.									
Domestics, . . .	.	.	.	8	466	55.75	5	153	30.60
Dress-makers, . . .	3	77	25.66	11	338	30.72	8	239	29.87
Housekeepers, . . .	.	.	.	179	8888	49.61	275	14,279	51.92
Ladies, . . .	.	.	.	3	212	70.66	2	140	70.00
Midwives, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	92	92.00
Milliners, . . .	3	111	37.00	2	53	26.50	3	132	44.00
Nurses, . . .	1	61	61.00	2	106	53.00	4	208	52.00
Operatives, . . .	.	.	.	27	779	21.44	30	767	25.57
Seamstresses, . . .	.	.	.	9	464	44.88	18	717	39.83
Shoebinders, . . .	2	59	29.50	3	115	38.33	5	117	23.40
Straw-braiders, . . .	2	48	24.12	4	140	35.50	3	134	44.66
Tailoresses, . . .	7	288	41.23	16	654	40.87	17	658	38.71
Teachers, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	14	376	26.86
Washerwomen, . . .	1	80	80.00	.	.	.	.	.	.
Weavers, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	10	525	52.50
Total, . . .	19	724	38.36	264	12,215	46.32	395	18,537	46.93

RECAPITULATION.

OCCUPATIONS.	1844.			1845.			1846.		
	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.
Professional men,	82	3,549	43.28	62	2,724	43.93	54	2,847	52.72
Merchants, . .	75	4,056	54.08	90	4,403	48.92	81	4,296	53.04
Agriculturists, .	663	42,447	64.02	645	39,869	61.81	679	45,241	66.63
Public Officers, .	25	1,017	40.68	35	1,544	44.11	34	1,396	41.06
Mechanics, . .	452	20,629	45.63	477	22,398	46.96	538	24,613	45.75
Laborers, . . .	182	9,316	51.18	219	10,690	48.81	216	10,679	49.44
Seamen, . . .	162	6,500	40.12	145	6,206	42.80	119	5,798	48.72
Paupers, . . .	35	2,482	70.91	5	408	81.60	37	2,571	69.48
Females, . . .	19	729	38.36	264	12,215	46.32	395	18,537	46.93
Total & averages,	1695	90,725	53.54	1942	100,457	51.72	2153	115,978	53.87

TABLE V. FACTS ILLUSTRATING THE INFLUENCE OF DOMESTIC CONDITION ON LONGEVITY,

Showing, for each County, the number and aggregate age of all in the returns over 20 years old, whose condition is specified.

COUNTIES.	MALES.						FEMALES.					
	UNMARRIED.		MARRIED.		WIDOWERS.		UNMARRIED.		MARRIED.		WIDOWS.	
	Number.	Aggregate age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Number.	Aggregate age.
Essex, . . .	65	2,252	207	11,538	29	2,238	104	4,686	206	8,610	158	11,425
Middlesex, . . .	65	2,454	201	11,128	33	2,379	97	3,897	269	11,455	95	6,667
Worcester, . . .	102	3,755	222	12,487	66	4,968	84	3,207	269	11,702	117	8,626
Hampshire, . . .	16	688	37	2,095	15	1,069	30	1,200	58	2,440	46	3,402
Hampden, . . .	26	844	75	3,928	16	1,248	28	987	132	5,704	41	3,026
Franklin, . . .	12	527	47	2,767	15	1,236	18	766	49	2,542	40	3,192
Berkshire, . . .	19	855	69	3,962	17	1,207	31	1,262	73	3,409	41	3,148
Norfolk, . . .	23	762	61	3,458	23	1,847	37	1,620	73	3,251	47	3,544
Bristol, . . .	24	824	93	5,380	26	1,968	39	1,639	116	5,247	53	3,836
Plymouth, . . .	11	463	68	4,108	25	1,955	26	1,380	72	3,251	51	3,758
Barnstable, . . .	20	512	35	2,052	11	827	12	407	45	1,984	23	1,753
Dukes & Nant.	10	430	28	1,847	7	548	17	971	37	1,651	19	1,387
Total, . . .	393	14,366	1143	64,750	283	21,490	523	22,022	1399	61,246	731	53,764
Average age, .	.	36.55	.	56.65	.	75.94	.	42.11	.	43.78	.	73.55

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OF

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

IN MASSACHUSETTS.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30TH, 1847.

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SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, BOSTON;

November 13, 1847.

*To the Honorable Senate
and House of Representatives :*

I have the honor to report the following statement and tabular results of the Registry and Returns of Births, Marriages and Deaths, for the registration year, ending April 30th, 1847.

The number of the Births, Marriages and Deaths returned from the several towns is, in the first place, exhibited in full, with the population of the towns according to the census of 1840, and a recapitulation of the same classes of facts, summed up according to counties (pp. 3—11). In another column, for purposes of comparison, are given the returns of the two preceding years. The last returns of Births, Marriages and Deaths are more full than those of either of the previous years. The number of Births returned, is as 1 to 34 inhabitants (according to the census of 1840), excluding the population of Boston; the number of Marriages, as 1 to 114, and of Deaths, as 1 to 54. The returns of births from Bradford and Rockport, in Essex county, were made too late to be incorporated into the tables; as they were received before the printing was begun, they are entered in their place on page 3. Returns of 11 births and 1 marriage were received this day from Norwich, in Hampshire county.

Extracts from the communications of the town-clerks are presented, as heretofore, in the body of notes appended to the synopsis of returns (pp. 12—21). The towns which failed to make returns are specified at the end of the notes, under the heads of the several counties.

The town-clerks have sometimes returned the names of inhabitants, whose deaths have taken place elsewhere. When the

death is represented to have occurred in some other town of the Commonwealth, the entry has been transferred to that town; when elsewhere, it has been omitted, except cases of death at sea, or in a foreign port.

Table I, in two parts, relates to Births. The first part (p. 22) exhibits the number of male and female children, and of those whose sex is not reported, born respectively in the several months and in the several counties. The second part (p. 23) exhibits the cases of more than one child at a birth, arranged under the heads of months, counties, and sex.

Table II, in two parts, relates to Marriages. The first part (p. 24) records the number of marriages solemnized, in each month, in each county of the Commonwealth. The second part (pp. 25—27) records the facts important to be observed in statistical tables, in relation to the ages and conditions of parties to marriage.

Tables III, IV and V relate to Deaths.

Table III, in four parts, records the causes of death. In the first part (pp. 28—35), against the names of the respective diseases, alphabetically arranged, is recorded the number of persons who died of the same during the year, with a specification of the sex, proximate age, month of decease, and place of birth, so far as to distinguish between natives of the American town where they died, other Americans, and foreigners. The second part (pp. 36—39), against the names of the diseases, scientifically arranged, presents the number of deaths therefrom in the several counties.

The third part of Table III (pp. 42—45) presents a synopsis of the number of deaths from each disease, or other cause, which took place, according to the returns, in 1847, and the two preceding years respectively. The proportion of the number of each class, in each year, to the number of 10,000, is carried out in three other columns, affording the means of a perfect comparison of the proportional mortality from different causes, so far as the returns furnish the requisite materials. The fourth part of the same table (p. 46), under the heads of the respective counties, exhibits the returns of stillborn children, with a specification of the sex.

Table IV (pp. 47—50), designed to illustrate the influence of occupation on longevity, exhibits the number, and average age at the time of death, of persons engaged respectively in the different employments of life, as shown by the returns of 1847, and the two preceding years.

Table V (p. 51), designed to furnish some illustration of the influence of domestic condition on longevity, exhibits, against each county, an abstract of the returns of the number, sex, and age of persons deceased in the last registration year, under the divisions of single, married, and widowed.

Which is respectfully submitted by

JOHN G. PALFREY, *Secretary.*

REGISTRATION

OF

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

IN

MASSACHUSETTS.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS,

*Returned to the Secretary's Office, for the three years ending April
30th, 1845, 1846, and 1847.*

COUNTIES AND TOWNS.	Population in 1840.	BIRTHS.			MARRIAGES.			DEATHS.		
		1845.	1846.	1847.	1845.	1846.	1847.	1845.	1846.	1847.
SUFFOLK.										
Boston, - - -	93,383	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chelsea, - - -	2,390	147	134	180	22	29	30	94	30	98
North Chelsea, - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-
Totals, - - -	95,773	147	134	180	22	29	40	94	30	98
ESSEX.										
Amesbury, - - -	2,471	50	50	45	11	19	18	35	48	35
Andover, - - -	5,207	118	162	138	30	30	38	85	75	62
Beverly, - - -	4,689	-	109	146	-	46	32	-	61	115
Boxford, - - -	942	18	34	25	7	10	4	12	11	29
Bradford, - - -	2,222	55	41	49	14	17	16	24	44	43
Danvers, - - -	5,020	194	208	199	50	61	56	89	97	83
Essex, - - -	1,450	19	39	30	11	17	10	17	22	35
Georgetown, - - -	1,540	56	47	61	14	18	7	15	16	28
Gloucester, - - -	6,350	229	192	202	52	79	76	121	139	170
Hamilton, - - -	818	16	24	15	9	12	6	18	11	12
Haverhill, - - -	4,336	106	104	-	38	41	46	74	58	21
Ipswich, - - -	3,000	-	2	42	27	22	18	42	54	44
Lawrence, - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lynn, - - -	9,367	296	335	306	90	94	63	200	206	225
Lynnfield, - - -	707	15	24	19	3	10	8	11	15	8
Manchester, - - -	1,355	54	45	64	20	11	17	40	43	44
Marblehead, - - -	5,575	164	207	202	66	41	41	118	102	171
Methuen, - - -	2,251	46	71	108	16	27	21	49	38	79
Middleton, - - -	657	17	18	18	5	4	5	9	11	15
Newbury, - - -	3,789	8	67	41	20	26	36	31	49	60
Newburyport, - - -	7,161	227	220	253	67	99	101	115	114	140
Rockport, - - -	2,650	78	87	89	27	21	-	31	38	57
Rowley, - - -	1,203	19	24	18	7	7	7	18	20	14
Salem, - - -	15,082	225	265	250	122	134	125	244	297	339
Salisbury, - - -	2,739	56	60	61	21	20	27	39	51	33
Saugus, - - -	1,098	32	35	40	8	13	5	15	14	21
Topsfield, - - -	1,059	34	35	19	9	10	4	23	18	15
Wenham, - - -	689	14	17	-	6	7	-	10	8	-
West Newbury, - -	1,560	29	5	46	8	12	15	19	13	11
Totals, - - -	94,987	2175	2527	2486	758	908	802	1504	1673	1909

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS—Continued.

COUNTIES AND TOWNS.	Population in 1840.	BIRTHS.			MARRIAGES			DEATHS.		
		1845.	1846.	1847.	1845.	1846.	1847.	1845.	1846.	1847.
MIDDLESEX.										
Acton, - - -	1121	7	-	-	14	8	9	22	18	26
Ashby, - - -	1246	-	7	-	8	5	11	26	15	31
Ashland, - - -	-	-	13	23	-	3	11	-	1	8
Bedford, - - -	929	27	23	28	11	6	6	17	13	23
Billerica, - - -	1632	54	32	22	18	13	2	17	25	20
Boxborough, - - -	426	9	8	8	3	2	3	5	6	9
Brighton, - - -	1425	60	50	63	8	16	12	24	22	17
Burlington, - - -	510	16	13	12	3	2	8	4	3	8
Cambridge, - - -	8409	354	342	431	74	73	62	110	155	190
Carlisle, - - -	556	11	12	6	4	4	5	9	7	3
Charlestown, - - -	11,484	387	482	437	142	139	134	228	268	374
Chelmsford, - - -	1697	50	36	47	13	8	14	13	15	29
Concord, - - -	1784	44	56	-	17	15	13	27	21	21
Dracut, - - -	2188	71	-	58	15	-	41	-	-	22
Dunstable, - - -	603	11	9	8	3	-	6	10	5	10
Frammingham, - - -	3030	78	98	79	32	10	19	14	21	-
Groton, - - -	2139	59	54	13	15	14	9	50	44	13
Holliston, - - -	1782	41	62	59	14	7	20	38	26	31
Hopkinton, - - -	2245	65	74	49	28	21	10	41	25	34
Lexington, - - -	1642	30	31	27	12	12	14	16	18	12
Lincoln, - - -	686	5	15	7	5	4	7	4	4	8
Littleton, - - -	927	-	2	6	-	8	-	-	18	13
Lowell, - - -	20,796	664	656	772	397	407	584	309	430	690
Malden, - - -	2514	86	71	71	14	21	27	47	46	69
Marlborough, - - -	2101	53	48	63	28	19	23	25	36	26
Medford, - - -	2478	78	90	83	33	25	17	36	42	53
Natick, - - -	1285	51	54	10	15	11	12	31	20	5
Newton, - - -	3351	4	1	4	20	9	28	26	74	60
Pepperell, - - -	1571	38	39	44	12	7	16	20	14	24
Reading, - - -	2193	60	74	45	16	20	15	34	35	44
Sherburne, - - -	995	17	23	22	8	11	6	9	10	12
Shirley, - - -	957	38	27	27	8	6	9	18	13	18
Somerville, - - -	-	55	-	51	3	-	19	8	-	-
South Reading, - - -	1517	41	40	30	27	14	18	22	20	34
Stoneham, - - -	1017	34	36	50	8	12	14	21	14	19
Stow, - - -	1230	2	3	-	10	8	6	8	1	1
Sudbury, - - -	1422	37	35	35	13	11	9	15	14	20
Tewksbury, - - -	906	-	22	7	-	11	5	-	16	17
Townsend, - - -	1892	53	39	49	8	6	13	25	28	33
Tyngsborough, - - -	870	19	23	17	4	3	2	9	12	12
Waltham, - - -	2504	61	60	93	24	41	40	35	35	51
Watertown, - - -	1810	60	-	71	6	15	17	25	-	-
Wayland, - - -	998	27	21	19	5	10	12	10	15	18
West Cambridge, - - -	1363	46	42	42	-	26	18	-	21	32
Westford, - - -	1436	12	14	29	8	4	7	14	10	11
Weston, - - -	1092	18	22	20	8	8	15	14	13	14
Wilmington, - - -	859	23	33	21	12	10	8	17	12	15
Woburn, - - -	2993	94	119	113	42	34	30	53	61	63
Totals, - - -	106,611	3050	3011	3171	1168	1119	1386	1506	1722	2243

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS—*Continued.*

COUNTIES AND TOWNS.	Population in 1840.	BIRTHS.			MARRIAGES.			DEATHS.		
		1845.	1846.	1847.	1845.	1846.	1847.	1845.	1846.	1847.
WORCESTER.										
Ashburnham, - -	1652	32	49	56	10	11	11	38	25	41
Athol, - - -	1591	51	45	53	8	13	13	33	32	37
Auburn, - - -	649	23	16	20	6	6	6	5	10	19
Barre, - - -	2751	68	64	66	12	27	20	35	40	57
Berlin, - - -	763	24	13	18	5	5	2	9	7	9
Blackstone, - -	-	63	93	133	1	22	20	-	34	83
Bolton, - - -	1186	30	29	29	6	9	6	19	15	10
Boylston, - - -	797	15	18	23	7	5	5	9	10	15
Brookfield, - -	2472	62	56	62	9	23	17	27	23	54
Charlton, - - -	2117	9	6	15	11	14	10	30	27	35
Dana, - - -	691	24	26	31	6	6	5	11	13	6
Douglas, - - -	1617	-	48	43	-	19	10	-	24	23
Dudley, - - -	1352	41	40	33	10	8	8	19	17	17
Fitchburg, - - -	2604	91	85	124	37	34	42	56	73	87
Gardner, - - -	1260	44	37	42	11	17	14	18	25	31
Grafton, - - -	2943	111	115	106	28	24	32	54	52	45
Hardwick, - - -	1789	33	29	34	18	15	10	30	30	22
Harvard, - - -	1571	33	26	31	13	8	11	21	36	22
Holden, - - -	1874	70	59	73	25	19	16	36	36	30
Hubbardston, - -	1784	33	52	57	17	14	17	28	34	41
Lancaster, - - -	2019	7	9	9	17	27	35	17	16	33
Leicester, - - -	1707	47	43	34	14	17	14	24	27	34
Leominster, - - -	2069	64	61	64	11	18	16	28	40	39
Lunenburg, - - -	1272	1	23	10	4	3	7	18	17	16
Mendon, - - -	3524	33	38	35	17	4	4	48	18	19
Milford, - - -	1773	61	56	84	43	37	23	43	31	33
Millbury, - - -	2171	69	60	55	24	12	38	34	30	41
New Braintree, - -	752	10	8	14	6	2	4	9	13	22
North Brookfield, -	1485	44	32	50	14	9	12	14	27	21
Northborough, - -	1248	29	10	12	19	13	18	22	17	21
Northbridge, - - -	1449	46	49	74	13	25	16	46	25	37
Oakham, - - -	1038	31	12	29	13	10	13	12	20	13
Oxford, - - -	1742	53	36	7	16	22	12	31	31	5
Paxton, - - -	670	24	27	27	5	4	7	15	13	19
Petersham, - - -	1775	34	34	19	10	9	8	10	23	20
Phillipston, - - -	919	16	21	16	6	4	4	10	13	12
Princeton, - - -	1347	44	30	28	11	5	10	35	25	12
Royalston, - - -	1667	44	36	11	13	12	14	19	32	21
Rutland, - - -	1260	30	19	31	7	13	12	18	26	29
Shrewsbury, - - -	1481	24	24	32	7	5	10	26	18	32
Southborough, - -	1145	32	19	26	14	14	4	22	26	23
Southbridge, - - -	2031	29	55	68	20	23	12	22	38	32
Spencer, - - -	1604	54	50	55	18	13	13	22	18	28
Sterling, - - -	1647	32	40	42	18	11	12	6	30	26
Sturbridge, - - -	2005	36	51	48	6	14	7	34	29	36
Sutton, - - -	2370	52	66	50	22	21	14	45	45	30
Templeton, - - -	1776	37	27	8	14	10	19	28	29	30
Upton, - - -	1466	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	-	-
Uxbridge, - - -	2004	58	62	52	21	27	19	42	48	38
Warren, - - -	1290	35	42	44	8	9	10	23	22	28
Webster, - - -	1403	57	44	34	6	10	9	18	23	23

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS—Continued.

COUNTIES AND TOWNS.	Population in 1840.	BIRTHS.			MARRIAGES			DEATHS.		
		1843.	1846.	1847	1843.	1846.	1847.	1843.	1846.	1847.
West Boylston, - -	1187	33	47	50	16	14	18	29	29	36
Westborough, - -	1658	-	39	33	14	7	6	-	38	35
Westminster, - -	1645	52	54	6	13	10	20	23	44	28
Winchendon, - -	1754	35	30	50	14	22	22	-	17	23
Worcester, - -	7497	-	313	435	79	116	97	230	273	302
Totals, - -	95,313	2116	2474	2691	793	871	834	1527	1734	1881
HAMPSHIRE.										
Amherst, - -	2550	76	77	72	19	25	12	54	51	39
Belchertown, - -	2554	23	20	70	16	20	23	26	32	49
Chesterfield, - -	1132	-	-	-	5	-	12	15	-	17
Cummington, - -	1237	24	4	5	17	15	7	10	6	6
Easthampton, - -	717	18	13	-	2	7	2	13	21	8
Enfield, - -	976	17	26	26	7	15	10	13	15	10
Goshen, - -	556	11	16	8	4	3	4	10	10	3
Granby, - -	971	16	26	7	9	3	6	16	21	13
Greenwich, - -	824	15	15	12	3	10	3	16	23	9
Hadley, - -	1814	35	52	51	14	-	13	26	26	32
Hatfield, - -	933	28	20	37	3	4	4	14	19	18
Middlefield, - -	1717	35	20	14	2	11	4	13	4	13
Northampton, - -	3750	137	111	102	18	17	11	54	74	73
Norwich, - -	750	14	20	-	2	1	-	27	7	-
Pelham, - -	956	14	18	-	5	5	7	-	-	-
Plainfield, - -	910	2	13	20	6	3	6	13	10	14
Prescott, - -	780	-	7	13	-	7	6	-	10	14
South Hadley, - -	1458	44	48	27	7	14	11	19	32	18
Southampton, - -	1157	25	25	15	11	9	14	13	20	19
Ware, - -	1890	38	62	64	33	30	22	35	-	31
Westhampton, - -	759	16	17	16	2	1	1	9	22	5
Williamsburg, - -	1309	29	27	26	6	4	4	19	25	21
Worthington, - -	1197	36	39	25	8	5	6	15	11	28
Totals, - -	30,897	653	676	610	199	209	188	430	439	440
HAMPDEN.										
Blandford, - -	1427	20	24	32	2	11	9	17	17	9
Brimfield, - -	1419	16	28	16	5	14	11	18	31	25
Chester, - -	1632	34	30	29	-	9	6	7	11	11
Granville, - -	1414	22	31	29	3	13	7	5	26	-
Holland, - -	423	-	14	1	5	5	1	3	8	9
Longmeadow, - -	1270	21	26	26	10	8	5	25	26	22
Ludlow, - -	1268	36	19	-	13	14	12	33	26	28
Monson, - -	2151	59	59	45	4	9	12	41	27	46
Montgomery, - -	740	14	9	9	4	4	3	10	8	8
Palmer, - -	2130	54	69	72	14	26	12	-	-	-
Russell, - -	955	-	-	20	-	-	1	-	-	1
Southwick, - -	1214	34	32	31	7	6	5	13	29	18
Springfield, - -	10,985	405	417	509	67	78	95	191	269	267
Tolland, - -	627	19	4	17	2	3	6	12	6	8
Wales, - -	686	15	15	17	3	4	1	7	15	13
West Springfield, - -	3626	60	-	-	24	12	16	36	33	25

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS—Continued.

COUNTIES AND TOWNS.	Population in 1840.	BIRTHS.			MARRIAGES.			DEATHS.		
		1845.	1846.	1847.	1845.	1846.	1847.	1845.	1846.	1847.
Westfield, - - -	3526	99	96	100	15	21	14	57	64	47
Wilbraham, - - -	1864	29	28	29	15	15	17	34	18	27
Totals, - - -	27,366	937	901	982	193	252	233	509	614	564
FRANKLIN.										
Ashfield, - - -	1610	37	18	25	3	8	4	33	32	16
Bernardston, - - -	992	20	32	24	10	7	2	7	13	11
Buckland, - - -	1084	19	23	26	7	8	5	9	12	16
Charlemont, - - -	1127	35	19	28	3	10	8	10	15	15
Coleraine, - - -	1971	35	29	52	12	11	8	30	23	28
Conway, - - -	1409	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deerfield, - - -	1912	51	54	43	15	8	8	21	20	30
Erving, - - -	309	10	9	12	3	1	1	5	3	4
Gill, - - -	798	14	23	16	4	4	7	9	7	9
Greenfield, - - -	1756	3	-	-	2	13	9	-	-	-
Hawley, - - -	977	13	25	15	3	6	8	8	8	12
Heath, - - -	895	29	18	18	-	-	-	22	-	4
Leverett, - - -	875	29	34	26	8	4	1	13	9	20
Leyden, - - -	632	9	22	18	3	6	2	10	25	10
Monroe, - - -	282	11	9	7	-	-	0	3	1	3
Montague, - - -	1255	-	36	42	2	-	9	12	16	26
New Salem, - - -	1305	35	28	18	6	13	9	31	18	12
Northfield, - - -	1673	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
Orange, - - -	1501	32	48	43	15	13	15	22	27	31
Rowe, - - -	703	13	1	-	3	-	-	11	-	-
Shelburne, - - -	1022	33	27	26	10	12	11	10	19	17
Shutesbury, - - -	987	24	17	-	13	9	9	11	1	-
Sunderland, - - -	719	10	12	11	1	2	4	5	8	6
Warwick, - - -	1071	35	10	20	8	8	6	23	11	20
Wendell, - - -	875	4	4	4	5	3	4	11	15	4
Whately, - - -	1072	27	26	27	10	5	11	15	12	18
Totals, - - -	27,812	528	524	501	151	151	141	331	295	312
BERKSHIRE.										
Adams, - - -	3703	102	114	115	15	8	16	78	45	64
Alford, - - -	481	10	13	16	4	-	3	2	4	5
Becket, - - -	1342	29	20	-	7	8	7	31	14	-
Boston Corner, - - -	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cheshire, - - -	985	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Clarksburg, - - -	370	8	11	5	-	1	2	-	4	7
Dalton, - - -	1255	42	43	26	-	2	1	14	-	-
Egremont, - - -	1038	28	23	12	2	1	4	5	10	3
Florida, - - -	441	5	7	12	2	2	-	3	3	2
Great Barrington, - - -	2704	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Hancock, - - -	922	19	18	23	-	-	0	12	15	7
Hinsdale, - - -	955	21	17	41	6	6	3	16	17	18
Lanesborough, - - -	1140	18	21	27	2	-	1	11	20	26
Lee, - - -	2428	34	26	32	8	10	11	40	32	60
Lenox, - - -	1313	39	29	44	7	5	8	29	26	24
Monterey, - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS—*Continued.*

COUNTIES AND TOWNS.	Population in 1840.	BIRTHS.			MARRIAGES.			DEATHS.		
		1845	1846	1847	1845	1846	1847	1845	1846	1847.
Mount Washington, -	438	-	20	13	-	1	1	-	1	4
New Ashford, -	227	2	3	4	1	-	2	-	3	2
New Marlborough, -	1682	28	35	49	9	13	1	11	23	30
Otis, -	1177	28	-	20	2	-	4	6	-	12
Peru, -	576	12	12	13	5	3	2	3	15	5
Pittsfield, -	3747	101	108	140	3	7	8	61	76	105
Richmond, -	1097	11	20	24	3	6	1	10	15	15
Sandisfield, -	1464	-	-	-	11	-	-	32	-	-
Savoy, -	915	6	5	3	4	4	4	1	5	9
Sheffield, -	2322	78	15	52	7	13	16	35	41	36
Stockbridge, -	1992	33	53	59	9	6	3	25	29	-
Tyringham, -	1477	-	-	2	-	-	5	-	-	5
Washington, -	991	29	20	21	1	2	2	14	10	3
West Stockbridge, -	1448	49	40	60	4	6	5	16	23	11
Williamstown, -	2153	78	51	48	11	3	2	22	22	14
Windsor, -	897	12	12	12	6	6	3	9	12	6
Totals, -	41,745	822	806	873	132	114	115	488	465	478
NORFOLK.										
Bellingham, -	1055	12	8	5	2	2	9	8	7	7
Braintree, -	2168	69	47	-	6	18	-	27	-	-
Brookline, -	1365	21	44	34	8	16	5	25	21	23
Canton, -	1995	27	11	13	7	21	14	32	26	52
Cohasset, -	1471	33	26	35	10	19	18	18	20	30
Dedham, -	3200	96	94	91	33	36	37	70	52	61
Dorchester, -	4875	91	186	227	47	49	46	79	93	130
Dover, -	520	6	8	3	3	8	4	8	5	6
Foxborough, -	1298	51	37	54	17	19	15	18	28	26
Franklin, -	1717	33	41	52	5	9	11	29	22	15
Medfield, -	883	18	16	16	4	5	4	7	18	12
Medway, -	2043	65	61	52	29	32	18	26	21	25
Milton, -	1822	58	52	47	16	11	14	25	25	28
Needham, -	1488	33	36	48	4	6	13	17	25	18
Quincy, -	3486	123	136	121	21	32	25	53	48	61
Randolph, -	3213	138	121	141	28	31	15	55	61	77
Roxbury, -	9069	411	40	447	78	98	84	-	-	236
Saron, -	1076	22	16	23	12	7	7	14	12	17
Saugton, -	2142	86	95	72	23	38	39	36	30	44
Walpole, -	1491	-	25	28	-	10	14	-	7	17
Weymouth, -	3738	129	140	187	35	36	37	62	64	48
Wrentham, -	2915	59	67	70	16	25	22	48	39	31
Totals, -	53,140	1591	1707	1716	404	528	451	657	624	964
BRISTOL.										
Attleborough, -	3585	81	68	100	25	21	19	66	75	80
Berkley, -	886	12	19	35	2	7	3	26	15	32
Dartmouth, -	4135	92	108	69	27	28	30	-	-	-
Dighton, -	1378	47	40	46	7	9	15	32	17	17
Easton, -	2074	53	56	59	19	8	19	39	25	31
Fairhaven, -	3951	107	-	-	34	29	27	45	52	23

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COUNTIES AND TOWNS.	Population in 1840.	BIRTHS.			MARRIAGES.			DEATHS.		
		1845.	1846.	1847.	1845.	1846.	1847.	1845.	1846.	1847.
Fall River, - - -	6738	379	393	401	73	82	92	55	110	196
Freetown, - - -	1772	43	24	18	10	8	12	31	24	16
Mansfield, - - -	1382	43	31	34	12	16	32	17	21	35
New Bedford, - - -	12,087	435	477	418	114	151	140	175	249	189
Norton, - - -	1545	29	45	29	8	8	7	6	4	3
Pawtucket, - - -	2184	89	127	140	13	16	9	-	16	29
Raynham, - - -	1329	40	2	46	4	9	8	19	10	21
Rehoboth, - - -	2169	55	45	50	-	15	8	25	38	30
Seekonk, - - -	1996	9	-	53	9	-	13	39	-	-
Somerset, - - -	1005	14	26	24	6	6	11	24	20	21
Swansey, - - -	1454	32	37	34	11	11	9	15	21	18
Taunton, - - -	7645	219	244	295	43	60	58	73	55	81
Westport, - - -	2820	73	50	52	2	15	20	32	27	49
Totals, - - -	60,165	1852	1812	1903	419	499	532	719	779	871
PLYMOUTH.										
Abington, - - -	3214	-	-	91	39	-	43	-	-	65
Bridgewater, - - -	2131	71	57	50	12	12	12	40	27	36
Carver, - - -	995	30	21	13	14	8	2	1	-	-
Duxbury, - - -	2798	-	-	-	10	8	10	19	-	-
East Bridgewater, - - -	1950	58	49	25	11	25	17	19	26	24
Halifax, - - -	734	36	27	27	2	6	6	21	13	20
Hanover, - - -	1488	18	18	30	14	12	11	16	17	14
Hanson, - - -	1040	-	15	27	-	3	17	-	13	17
Hingham, - - -	3564	86	87	84	22	20	29	61	44	60
Hull, - - -	231	6	3	1	2	1	0	7	1	0
Kingston, - - -	1440	32	31	32	16	11	19	25	15	13
Marshfield, - - -	1761	41	45	38	16	10	13	23	25	24
Middleborough, - - -	5085	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Bridgewater, - - -	2616	70	91	82	35	21	29	32	44	46
Pembroke, - - -	1258	33	31	27	2	3	10	19	21	15
Plymouth, - - -	5281	122	164	167	41	42	46	110	67	96
Plympton, - - -	834	19	19	23	10	11	17	10	12	17
Rochester, - - -	3864	-	112	106	-	-	29	-	48	82
Scituate, - - -	3886	84	85	89	22	21	20	43	43	48
Wareham, - - -	2002	66	75	85	11	29	24	22	32	38
West Bridgewater, - - -	1201	39	36	37	9	11	6	16	14	23
Totals, - - -	47,373	811	966	1040	288	254	360	484	462	638
BARNSTABLE.										
Barnstable, - - -	4301	10	20	21	38	42	29	38	43	57
Brewster, - - -	1522	44	43	37	7	15	18	22	12	26
Chatham, - - -	2334	35	65	58	15	24	31	35	28	37
Dennis, - - -	2942	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastham, - - -	955	13	7	17	12	10	9	14	10	9
Falmouth, - - -	2589	66	56	47	20	19	13	37	25	48
Harwich, - - -	2930	105	111	108	23	20	27	34	32	49
Marshpee, - - -	309	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Orleans, - - -	1974	45	39	26	8	14	20	27	31	44
Provincetown, - - -	2122	61	73	90	22	19	27	41	28	71

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS—*Continued.*

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		1845.	1846.	1847.	1845.	1846.	1847.	1845.	1846.	1847.
Sandwich, - - -	3719	118	101	104	24	21	14	58	44	55
Truro, - - -	1920	55	-	-	20	-	-	30	-	-
Wellfleet, - - -	2377	44	65	47	12	16	13	24	15	9
Yarmouth, - - -	2554	79	67	74	21	20	16	48	35	46
Totals, - - -	32,548	675	647	629	222	220	217	408	303	451
DUKES.										
Chilmark, - - -	702	12	13	13	3	8	9	4	4	5
Edgartown, - - -	1736	55	53	36	10	8	18	26	27	18
Tisbury, - - -	1520	60	13	46	11	9	7	23	25	22
Totals, - - -	3958	127	79	95	24	25	34	53	56	45
NANTUCKET.										
Nantucket, - - -	9012	227	222	220	90	84	57	134	154	174

RECAPITULATION.

COUNTIES.	Population in 1840.	BIRTHS.			MARRIAGES.			DEATHS.		
		1845.	1846.	1847.	1845.	1846.	1847.	1845.	1846.	1847.
Suffolk, - -	95,773	147	134	180	22	29	40	94	30	98
Essex, - -	94,987	2175	2527	2486	758	908	802	1504	1673	1909
Middlesex, -	106,611	3050	3011	3171	1168	1119	1386	1506	1722	2243
Worcester, -	95,313	2116	2474	2691	793	871	834	1527	1734	1881
Hampshire, -	30,897	653	676	610	199	209	188	430	439	440
Hampden, -	37,366	937	901	982	193	252	233	509	614	564
Franklin, -	28,812	528	524	501	151	151	141	331	295	312
Berkshire, -	41,745	822	806	873	132	114	115	488	465	473
Norfolk, - -	53,140	1591	1707	1716	404	528	451	657	624	964
Bristol, - -	60,165	1852	1812	1903	419	499	532	719	779	871
Plymouth, -	47,373	811	966	1040	288	254	360	484	462	638
Barnstable, -	32,548	675	647	629	222	220	217	408	303	451
Dukes, - -	3,958	127	79	95	24	25	34	53	56	45
Nantucket, -	9,012	227	222	220	90	84	57	134	154	174
Totals, -	737,700	15,711	16,486	17,097	4863	5263	5390	8844	9350	11063
Total, after de- ducting Suffolk County, - -	641,927	15,564	16,352	16,917	4841	5234	5350	8750	9320	10965

NOTES.

SOME of the returns were accompanied with remarks by the town clerks. From these, the following notes have been compiled with a view to show the condition of registration through the State, the practical operation of existing laws on the subject, and the views of the town clerks in regard to amendments.

SUFFOLK COUNTY.

CHELSEA.—*Marriages*. "I presume there has been quite a number which have not been returned to this office."

No RETURN of births, marriages or deaths from *Boston*; and of births or deaths from *North Chelsea*.

ESSEX COUNTY.

AMESBURY.—*Births*. "These returns were made by the school committee, and are probably correct."

BEVERLY.—"Although these returns are not now what they might be made if all did their duty, yet they are more complete than any previously forwarded from here, and I think that the arrangements which I have made for the future will hereafter secure you pretty accurate returns, always excepting the marriages, so long as clergymen are to be depended upon to collect and furnish the particulars."

BRADFORD.—*Births*. "The school committee made no return." [Return of births not received in time to be included in the tables.]

NEWBURY.—*Births*. "I have delayed till almost the last hour allowed to make my return, with the hope and expectation that our school committee would perform the part obligatory on them; but I have waited in vain, or nearly so, as only two of the board have taken any interest in obtaining the number of births in the town for the year ending May 1, 1847. My return, therefore, is imperfect, which I very much regret. I think, at least, there must have been, within the time specified, from sixty to seventy, whilst I am only able to return *forty-one*."

ROCKPORT.—*Marriages*. "Clergymen have been prompt and faithful in making their returns."—*Deaths*. "Much attention has been paid to the return, to make it (as it is believed to be) quite correct. The causes of death have not been put down at random, but the several practising physicians of the town have been frequently consulted, each of whom has kindly and patiently rendered all required

information. One of the sextons, also, has faithfully performed his duty." [Returns received too late to be included in the tables.]

SAUGUS.—"If the Legislature would so change the law as to make it one person's duty to do the business, and pay him for it, I think it would be better done."

NO RETURN from *Wenham*; and of births from *Haverhill*.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

ACTON.—"The returns are not made in full to me."

ASHBY.—*Births*. "The school committee have not taken any pains to ascertain the number the past year."

ASHLAND.—*Deaths*. "I suppose the whole number in the town during the year."

CAMBRIDGE.—*Births*. "More full than some which have preceded it. As our city contains nearly fifteen thousand inhabitants, I think the whole number of births has exceeded five hundred during the year; one of our principal physicians says 'at least six hundred.'"—*Marriages*. "The return is very imperfect, embracing less than half the marriages which have probably been solemnized in Cambridge during the last year. In that period, one hundred and seventy-three certificates of publishment were issued from this office, in one hundred and twenty-nine of which the female party was of Cambridge. Of this number, only fifty-two are here returned, the other ten marriages being of persons not here published, neither of the parties residing in this city. Rev. Mr. ———, of the catholic church, who probably solemnizes more marriages than any other one individual in Cambridge, has never made a return to this office. Rev. Mr. ———, of one of the unitarian churches, has made no return since his settlement in Cambridge, some fourteen or fifteen years. So long as clergymen disregard the law and make imperfect returns, or none, it is idle to hope for accuracy or fullness in the general annual return to your office."—*Deaths*. "The return embraces nearly all which have occurred during the year. In some respects, it is imperfect, but it is the best which the materials within my reach enable me to make."

CONCORD.—*Births*. "I have not received the returns from the school committee."

GROTON.—*Births*. "Not all returned by the school committee."—*Marriages and Deaths*. "Accurate and complete."

HOLLISTON.—"This law is getting into favor as its operation is seen."—*Births*. "I think this return correct, or very nearly so. Five cents each is quite too small a fee to get this work of collecting births done correctly."—*Marriages*. "I have used your certificates for the last few months, and clergymen like the plan, as our filling the blanks relieves them of one very unpleasant part of their duty. I think our fee too small for this; one can afford to pay a dollar if he gets a good wife, and I certainly would charge him nothing in any different state of the case. I think the return is nearly correct. The proper officers are yearly using more efforts to perform their duty, and I think by the next, they may be perfect, if indeed they are not so already. I think the registration law a good one, deducting

a few small imperfections, and hope it may be carried into effect to its full extent.”—*Deaths*. “This return is believed to be correct; but I think if one person should collect all the births and deaths, and have a fair compensation allowed him, the returns would be more perfect; the compensation is so small, that obedience to the law and the importance of the matter are the chief incentives to the work, and the best reason why they are obtained so well as they are.”

LEXINGTON.—*Deaths*. “The return is not correct, in consequence of the death of one of the sextons, and from whom no return has been received.”

LINCOLN.—*Marriages*. “All that have been returned.”

LOWELL.—*Marriages*. “The list is believed to be complete.”

NATICK.—“When I made the last annual return of births, marriages and deaths in this town, I thought I had reason to believe that our next return would be more perfect; in that hope I have been woefully disappointed. No return has ever been so meagre. I have used every reasonable means in my power, without resorting to physical force, to accomplish an object so much desired as a correct return, but all to no purpose. The law is a dead letter.” “I believe the town clerks discharge the duties of their office with as strict fidelity as any grade of officers in the Commonwealth; but the Legislature has seen fit to impose a fine of ten dollars for neglect of duty in making their returns, while all other persons, whose duty is much less onerous, go free.”

NEWTON.—*Births*. “Probably above one hundred in reality.”

TYNESBOROUGH.—*Marriages*. “Most of our people go to Nashua, N. H., where they are married without being published.”—*Deaths*. “The sexton has never made a return of deaths; the minutes for the return were obtained by going to the sexton and copying from his book (very imperfectly kept), and by information received from friends of the deceased, when particularly called on by me.”

WESTFORD.—*Deaths*. “I am unable to make an accurate return, although I have distributed blanks and requested that they should be filled up and returned to me. The return contains about one half the number which have taken place.”

WOBURN.—“The returns are as perfect as I could possibly make them; I have spent more time, and been to more trouble than any previous year, yet it is not correct.”—*Births*. “It has been impossible for the assessors to ascertain births happening in some families, even upon inquiry of the father or mother; some forget, when called upon for information, that any event of the kind has happened in their families, it being with them an occurrence not at all uncommon; others, I presume, do not wish to have it known that the population of the town is increasing so fast as it actually is. The following will show the number of births returned, and the sources from which the information is derived.” “I am inclined to think that these are all the births that have happened in Woburn for the past year. The fact that only three quarters of the whole number of births are returned to me from proper sources, will give you some idea of the difficulties of making out a full and perfect record. The fault is not owing to the assessors; they do all their duty. I think if the duty of ascertaining births rested with town clerks, or with the prudential district committees rather than the town committees, some of the difficulties which have arisen might be obviated; and make it the duty of fathers to return, to proper persons, all births happening in their families within a limited time, or be subject to a fine; and further make

it the duty of every person appointed to receive such returns to prosecute all violations of the law, or be fined himself."—*Marriages*. "The whole number of marriages was thirty. The number of intentions of marriage entered with me was fifty-six; nearly one half of those published in town were not married here."

NO RETURNS of births from *Acron, Ashby, Concord, and Stow*; and of deaths from *Frammingham, Somerville, and Watertown*.

WORCESTER COUNTY.

AUBURN.—*Marriages*. "Although the number returned is very small, yet it is believed that it is correct. It is accounted for by the fact that a large proportion of persons, intending marriage, make a short tour to Connecticut, and come back, having carried their intentions into effect under the liberal and summary laws of that State."

BERLIN.—*Marriages*. "Three couple have been married by clergymen out of town, who have not made returns to me."

BLACKSTONE.—*Births*. "The return is not as accurate as I could wish, but as much so as could be made from the information obtained."—*Deaths*. "Not accurate in some respects. Many of our population are foreigners, from whom it is almost impossible to obtain information."

DUDLEY.—"The clergymen are very prompt in making their returns, the sexton rather negligent, and the school committee made no return at all, nor will they, unless there is a penalty in the law, or a greater compensation to induce them."

HOLDEN.—*Births*. "I believe the return is correct."—*Marriages*. "I believe the number to be correct."

NORTHBOROUGH.—*Births*. "The same old difficulty remains yet, about getting the information out of which to make our returns; the return probably embraces less than one half of the births in this town for the year. Only two out of five of the school committee have made any return at all; they were furnished with blanks containing the proper directions for their proceedings, also a request endorsed on them, to be returned on or before the first of June. It would be about as cheap to pay the fine and let the whole business go, as to try to keep the records under present circumstances. There are several deficiencies in the record of deaths, also some in the marriage record."

OXFORD.—*Births*. "The school committee did not choose to collect any, and did not return any for record. The town clerk for the past year died about the first of February, and he had made no record since the last return; consequently there are none to return, except the few which I have picked up in my vicinity."—*Deaths*. "I return what occurred after the decease of the former town clerk."

TEMPLETON.—*Births*. "The return is very imperfect, not containing probably more than one fifth of the whole number in the town. The school committee informed me that they had made arrangements with the assessors to get and make to me a return. I forward all which I obtained from them."

NO RETURNS from *Upton*.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.

AMHERST.—Births. "Very nearly complete, although obtained at considerable trouble on my own part, for, had it been left to the school committee, it would not have been one third the return as made."—**Marriages.** "All returned."—**Deaths.** "I return all that have come to my knowledge, having received but eight certificates from the sextons. It is impossible for the town clerk to make full returns, with the very little aid he receives; and until the Commonwealth or town are willing to pay sextons and others as much for services as they can earn in sawing wood, they will, on the calculation of loss and gain, take care not to trouble themselves to make reports. As it is here, the clerk must do all, or nearly all, or the work is not done, and the returns must be made very incomplete."

BELCHERTOWN.—"The returns are, in the main, correct, although it has cost me considerable effort to get them."—**Births.** "I have had no return from the school committee, but have registered them as they have come to my knowledge, and from information received of our physicians. There seems to be no interest manifested among parents to have the births of their children registered, and there are therefore, without doubt, a few which I have not returned."—**Marriages and Deaths.** "I believe the returns are correct."

EASTHAMPTON.—Births. "The school committee have made no return. I have been waiting for them to make a return; therefore I have not the information that I should have had if it had not been their duty to make a return. I think that if it was made the duty of the town clerk, or some other man, to get the information and make the return, and a reasonable compensation given, the returns would be more perfect than they now are. If you want your returns correct, the less number employed in making them the better. It might be otherwise in cities, but I think that, in the country, if the returns were made wholly by one man, they would be more correct."—**Marriages.** "I return two, which is all that have been solemnized in town. Some have gone out of the State."—**Deaths.** "We have no sextons, which is the case with one half of the towns in the State."

ENFIELD.—Marriages.—"All which have taken place; although four couples, not included in the list, have been married out of the Commonwealth."

GREENWICH.—"The return was obtained from the attending physicians; it is not definite."

MIDDLEFIELD.—Marriages and Deaths.—"A true copy of the record, and as full as I am able to give."

PELHAM.—Births and Deaths. "I have no return or record."

PRESCOTT.—Marriages. "There have been twelve couple published the past year, but only one half that number have been married in Prescott, as appears by the return, which I think is correct."

SOUTH HADLEY.—Births. "I believe the return to be correct. Several mills were burnt in May, 1846, and, within six months, sixty-five families left town, from whom no return could be obtained, which accounts for the falling off from previous returns."—**Marriages.** "Probably two not returned."—**Deaths.** "The return does not include those in the second parish. I have endeavored to obtain

them, but have not yet succeeded; there were not probably more than three or four in that parish."

WARE.—*Deaths*. "The return is imperfect; probably but about three fourths of the real number."

WILLIAMSBURG.—*Marriages*. "All that have been returned to me, but the whole number is probably ten or twelve."

No RETURNS from *Norwich*; of births from *Chesterfield* and *Easthampton*; and of births and deaths from *Pelham*.

HAMPDEN COUNTY.

BLANDFORD.—*Marriages*. "All that have been returned to me, but I think not more than two thirds that have taken place."

GRANVILLE.—*Marriages*. "Clergymen fail to make returns to me regularly. I have supplied the record as far as my knowledge allows."—*Deaths*. "For the past year there have been no returns rendered to the town clerk. There is no regular sexton in Granville, although there are eight grave-yards."

PALMER.—*Deaths*. "I as yet have never been able to get any returns of deaths in our place, but we are making arrangements this year so as to get them as nearly as we possibly can."

WEST SPRINGFIELD.—*Births*. "As was the case last year in regard to the return of births, so it is this; not one has been returned to me by the committee. I let them have one set of the blanks you sent me in the spring, and as they have not returned them up to this date, my last day according to law, I think they are blanks still. While I am liable to a fine for not returning the list to you, the school committee do as they please about collecting and sending them to me for record and return."

No RETURNS of births from *Ludlow* and *West Springfield*; and of deaths from *Granville* and *Palmer*.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

BERNARDSTON.—*Births*. "The return was prepared by Dr. E. W. Carpenter, one of the most respectable physicians in this town, and is, I believe, perfectly accurate. Dr. Carpenter labors in this matter for the good of the public, and for posterity. Will not every town in our beloved Commonwealth do as well? I trust it will soon be so."—*Marriages*. "This town is situated on the line of the State of Vermont; in that State, persons are married without any previous publication; many persons, therefore, go from this town to Vermont to be married; the number I have no means of knowing, probably four or five couple annually."

COLERAINE.—*Births* and *Marriages*. "The returns are as perfect as could be made from the facts received at this office."

GREENFIELD.—*Births* and *Deaths*. "Never returned to me."—*Marriages*. "All that have been returned to me."

HEATH.—*Births*. "The school committee made their return so incorrectly that I cannot record them."—*Marriages*. "None returned in the form for return to the Secretary's office."—*Deaths*. "All that have been returned to the clerk's office, though but a small part of the whole number."

LEYDEN.—*Births*. "Substantially correct."—*Marriages*. "All that have taken place."—*Deaths*. "Full, and substantially correct."

ORANGE.—*Births*. "The return of the school committee was very imperfect in part of the town, and, so far as I have been able, I have supplied the deficiencies, but many names and dates are still omitted."

SHUTESBURY.—*Births* and *Deaths*. "No return has been made to me."

SUNDERLAND.—*Deaths*. "The return is not perfect, but is more so than any former one I have made."

WARWICK.—*Births*. "A correct return of all that have occurred in town; our school committee have spared no pains in their duty in this matter, and I believe they have been successful in making a very correct return to me."—*Marriages*. "All that have taken place."—*Deaths*. "I believe the number is correct."

No RETURNS from *Conway, Northfield and Rowe*; of births and deaths from *Greenfield and Shutesbury*; of marriages from *Heath*.

BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

ALFORD.—*Deaths*. "The return is far from being correct, because the town has not complied with the requirements of the act, and chosen a sexton. I have obtained the particulars myself."

BECKET.—*Births* and *Deaths*. "No returns have been made to me."

DALTON.—*Marriages* and *Deaths*. "No interest is taken by any one to make returns, or inform the clerk of marriages or deaths. Of the mortality among children, which is greater than usual, I have not been able to obtain the particulars."

FLORIDA.—*Marriages*. "For the return for this town, I would refer the Secretary to the justices of the peace in the town of Stamford, Vt. The fees and delays consequent on a publication of the banns of matrimony are more than the contracting parties are generally able to bear."

HANCOCK.—*Marriages*. "People about to marry generally avail themselves of the privilege of going into the State of New York to have the ceremony performed. This is the second year of my serving as town clerk, and I have never been called upon to publish a couple as yet, for the reason as above stated."

LANESBOROUGH.—*Births*. "The list is as correct and specific as circumstances will admit."

LEE.—*Births*. "The record is not so full as it ought to be. I have exerted myself, since I came into office, to get as many as possible; but after all, I am satisfied that not half of the number of births is on record. I spoke early to one of the school committee, who well knew his duty, but he has not made a single return."

NEW ASHFORD.—*Births*. "I believe, all that have taken place. I have obtained them by personal application to the parents."

PLAINFIELD.—*Births*. "The school committee of Plainfield thinking the compensation for ascertaining and reporting births to the town clerk insufficient, and believing that no penalty is annexed to the neglect, they have ever omitted to do it altogether. I have taken much pains to ascertain the births (although I think the compensation altogether inadequate), yet, probably, I have not returned every

one."—*Deaths*. "No sexton has ever reported to me a death. I have learnt the deaths, as well as I can, from the clergymen of the place."

WEST STOCKBRIDGE.—"I have delayed making my returns beyond the time required by law, hoping to be able to make my records more perfect; but I cannot obtain the information."—*Births* and *Marriages*. "I think the returns are perfect."—*Deaths*. "I shall never be able to make a perfect record of deaths. I suppose there have been twenty-five or thirty during the last year, but I can return but eleven."

No RETURNS from *Cheshire*, *Great Barrington*, and *Sandisfield*; of births and deaths from *Becket*; of deaths from *Dalton* and *Stockbridge*.

NORFOLK COUNTY.

BROOKLINE.—*Births*. "The return is believed to be correct; it was made from inquiry made at each house in town."—*Marriages*. "All which I have been informed have taken place; but one of the clergymen has made any return."—*Deaths*. "A correct return."

COHASSET.—*Deaths*. "As we have no superintendent of burying grounds, and every man employs whom he will to bury his dead, it is with much difficulty that correct information is obtained. I think it should be made the duty of clergymen to fill your certificates and return them to the clerk, and, if five cents won't induce them to do it, fine them fifty dollars if they don't."

MEDWAY.—"The whole number has not been returned; it is hoped that the records next year will be more full."

ROXBURY.—"The returns are very nearly correct, as much so as is possible, having given a careful attention to the subject myself."—*Births*. "The returns were taken by a person authorized by the school committee, who went to all the families in the city."—*Marriages*. "The form of certificate of intention of marriage which I obtained from you I have continued to use, and the blanks have been filled up by me at the time of publishment, thereby saving the trouble and inconvenience to the persons who solemnize the marriage, who are required to do it at that time."—*Deaths*. "The returns were made by the undertakers, who filled out blanks which I obtained from your office, which I sent to them."

STOUGHTON.—*Births*. "This return is a most wretched affair, imperfect in numbers, many not being returned at all, and some with only the month the birth took place. It is as returned by the school committee, save some few corrections which occur from my own knowledge."—*Deaths*. "The return is believed to contain the full number."

WEYMOUTH.—*Deaths*. "The return is not correct, one of the school committee (to whom I am indebted for the return of deaths) not having made any return, his district comprising from one fifth to one fourth part of the town."

No RETURNS from *Braintree*.

BRISTOL COUNTY.

DRENTON.—*Deaths*. "I suppose there have been more within the last year, but they have not been reported to me in a way which I could record, and I have made personal inquiries for most I have recorded."

FAIRHAVEN.—Births. "The school committee again refuse to do their duty in ascertaining them, consequently there are no returns."—**Deaths.** "One sexton only has made his return to the clerk's office."

NORTON.—Marriages. "I have published twenty-one couples; only eight have been returned, and seven of them by one person. I presume all the persons have been married. I have shown the law to a number of clergymen; if they have joined any persons in marriage, they have not made any returns to me."

PAWTUCKET.—Births. "I believe the return comprises the whole during the year, and the information is as full and correct as I have been able to obtain, after visiting every family, personally, under the direction of the school committee. My opinion is, that, if it were made the duty of town clerks to collect births and deaths, the returns would be much more complete and satisfactory."—**Marriages.** "The returns are as near complete as the information supplied to me by clergymen will admit. I hope the next will be more perfect, as I have adopted the plan recommended of getting the information myself, as far as practicable."—**Deaths.** "The return is very incomplete, owing, mainly, to the sexton's failure in getting the necessary information; I have been obliged to collect them mostly by personal inquiries."

SEEKONK.—Deaths. "None returned."

TAUNTON.—Births. "The returns have been faithfully drawn off from the separate records of each member of the school committee."

No RETURNS of births from *Fairhaven*; and of deaths from *Dartmouth* and *Seekonk*.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY.

ABINGTON.—Births. "There have probably been some others, concerning which I have not been able to obtain information."

CARVER.—Births and Deaths. "I have received no returns."

EAST BRIDGEWATER.—Deaths. "The returns are incomplete as to number, and in some other respects. There are two sextons, only one of whom has made a return to me."

HINGHAM.—Births. "I have been waiting for a full return, presuming that this does not contain the names of all the children, and have concluded to wait no longer, but return the names of all that I have received."

MARSHFIELD.—Births. "No others have occurred."—**Marriages.** "All that have taken place, with the exception of one, which has not been returned to me."—**Deaths.** "No others have occurred."

PLYMPTON.—The town clerk reports the returns as embracing every birth, marriage and death which has occurred in the town.

No RETURNS from *Middleborough*; of births and deaths from *Duxbury*; and of deaths from *Carver*.

BARNSTABLE COUNTY.

WELLFLEET.—Marriages. "All that have been returned to me, but not nearly all that have occurred."—**Deaths.** "Probably the return contains one third of the number which have occurred. We have three sextons in town, and I have asked

them to keep a list of the deaths in their own parishes, but have received returns but from one; therefore you can see the inexpediency of depending upon them."

YARMOUTH.—Marriages. "There have been two or three more, of which no returns have been made at this office."

NO RETURNS from *Dennis* and *Truro*.

DUKES COUNTY.

TISBURY.—Deaths. "The return contains the best information I can furnish. We have no sexton to attend to the duty required by law, consequently I have attended to it myself, and have gathered the facts from physicians, and others. There have been six or eight more than I have returned, but, as they have taken place in a remote part of the town, I could not obtain the particulars, except at considerable trouble and expense."

TABLE I. 1. ABSTRACT OF THE RETURNS OF BIRTHS,
in the several Counties, for each month of the year ending April 30, 1847.

Month.	Sex.	COUNTIES.													Total.
		Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Franklin.	Berkshire.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.	Dukes.	Nantucket.	
May, . .	Male, . .	82	115	88	23	26	17	45	67	63	24	24	4	13	591
	Female, .	81	96	91	28	36	19	42	49	77	37	18	6	10	590
	Not stated,	3	.	8	.	.	.	.	.	2	2	.	.	.	15
June, . .	Male, . .	93	105	96	31	38	21	21	58	75	32	32	5	11	618
	Female, .	97	96	97	29	33	15	26	72	75	34	19	3	3	599
	Not stated,	3	.	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	12
July, . .	Male, . .	106	128	111	30	40	24	32	78	81	31	33	4	8	706
	Female, .	105	151	105	26	38	15	32	77	87	44	27	3	4	714
	Not stated,	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	.	.	.	8
August, .	Male, . .	89	149	117	30	51	24	58	68	79	38	33	4	14	754
	Female, .	102	145	115	17	37	25	29	74	84	50	24	5	10	717
	Not stated,	2	.	3	.	2	.	.	.	2	4	2	.	.	15
September,	Male, . .	97	146	107	23	35	24	27	66	75	67	26	4	6	703
	Female, .	122	126	106	16	38	15	39	82	80	50	39	2	6	721
	Not stated,	1	.	4	.	1	2	.	.	.	3	1	.	.	12
October, .	Male, . .	99	141	110	23	34	19	28	69	77	48	32	5	10	695
	Female, .	91	118	104	33	36	17	25	61	70	37	38	7	3	640
	Not stated,	.	1	7	.	2	3	.	.	.	5	.	.	.	18
November,	Male, . .	106	126	140	26	38	17	29	80	72	38	31	11	12	726
	Female, .	84	132	97	12	38	21	32	55	60	35	23	2	6	597
	Not stated,	.	1	4	1	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	8
December,	Male, . .	92	124	95	25	38	21	32	71	77	40	23	2	14	654
	Female, .	94	126	122	17	32	8	27	70	54	41	22	2	12	627
	Not stated,	1	1	2	.	.	1	.	.	1	3	.	.	.	9
January, .	Male, . .	97	135	119	26	44	24	42	72	76	43	14	4	11	707
	Female, .	99	115	113	27	35	13	37	78	86	40	24	2	11	680
	Not stated,	.	.	8	2	2	1	1	.	1	3	1	.	.	19
February, .	Male, . .	73	123	134	35	38	26	36	75	92	53	25	4	13	727
	Female, .	110	120	99	30	27	26	28	78	86	40	19	1	7	671
	Not stated,	4	.	4	.	1	.	.	.	1	3	3	.	.	16
March, . .	Male, . .	108	166	136	26	39	23	47	78	96	43	21	4	9	796
	Female, .	79	152	112	25	34	22	44	60	87	43	28	3	10	699
	Not stated,	.	4	1	.	.	2	.	1	2	1	1	.	.	12
April, . .	Male, . .	93	162	118	17	43	18	43	91	97	44	18	2	9	755
	Female, .	91	146	101	21	45	11	48	83	76	44	19	6	8	699
	Not stated,	2	7	2	.	.	.	1	1	.	3	3	.	.	19
Total, . .	Male, . .	1135	1620	1371	315	464	258	440	873	960	501	312	53	130	8432
	Female, .	1155	1523	1262	281	429	207	409	839	922	495	300	42	90	7954
	Not stated,	16	14	51	3	8	9	2	3	9	37	11	.	.	163
Month not stated, .	Male, . .	16	8	3	1	47	7	9	.	9	1	2	.	.	103
	Female, .	15	4	3	5	32	1	7	1	2	3	4	.	.	77
	Not stated,	11	2	1	5	2	19	6	.	1	3	.	.	.	50
Grand total,	.	2348	3171	2691	610	982	501	873	1716	1903	1040	629	95	220	16779

TABLE I. 2. BIRTHS; PLURALITY CASES.

Month.	Sex.	COUNTIES.											Total.		
		Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Franklin.	Berkshire.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.		Dukes.	Nantucket.
May, . .	Male, . .	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	8
	Female, . .	.	.	2	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
	Not stated, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
June, . .	Male, . .	2	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	5
	Female, . .	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	4	.	.	3	.	.	11
	Not stated, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
July, . .	Male, . .	.	1	1	.	2	.	1	4	4	.	.	.	.	13
	Female, . .	2	3	5	.	.	.	1	.	2	.	.	.	.	13
	Not stated, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
August, .	Male, . .	2	1	2	2	2	.	.	3	1	1	1	.	1	16
	Female, . .	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	1	.	1	8
	Not stated, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
September,	Male, . .	.	5	.	.	.	.	1	.	2	.	.	.	.	8
	Female, . .	.	1	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	2	.	.	.	6
	Not stated, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
October, .	Male, . .	4	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	1	9
	Female, . .	.	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	5
	Not stated, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
November,	Male, . .	.	4	6	.	.	.	1	2	1	1	2	3	.	20
	Female, . .	.	.	2	.	4	.	5	2	3	1	.	1	.	18
	Not stated, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
December,	Male, . .	.	1	2	.	2	1	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	8
	Female, . .	6	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	12
	Not stated, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
January, .	Male, . .	5	.	.	2	.	1	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	10
	Female, . .	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	6
	Not stated, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
February, .	Male, . .	1	1	2	.	2	.	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	9
	Female, . .	3	1	2	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	9
	Not stated, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
March, . .	Male, . .	2	4	6	1	.	.	.	.	2	.	2	.	.	17
	Female, . .	.	4	4	1	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
	Not stated, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
April, . .	Male, . .	3	3	.	.	2	.	2	4	2	4	.	.	.	20
	Female, . .	3	1	2	.	.	.	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	10
	Not stated, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total, . .	Male, . .	21	25	20	5	12	2	7	16	12	10	8	4	1	143
	Female, . .	19	17	22	1	4	4	11	14	10	4	4	2	1	113
	Not stated, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Grand total.	.	40	42	42	6	16	6	18	30	22	14	12	6	2	256

TABLE II. 1. ABSTRACT OF THE RETURNS OF MARRIAGES,
*in the several Counties, for each month of the year ending
 April 30, 1847.*

COUNTIES.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Month not stated.	Total.
Essex, . .	69	54	57	46	54	91	137	83	53	45	43	53	17	802
Middlesex, .	136	104	81	86	98	158	193	126	127	88	68	118	3	1386
Worcester, .	92	55	31	43	89	76	122	79	52	32	63	95	5	834
Hampshire, .	18	10	12	8	19	20	31	18	15	9	12	15	1	188
Hampden, .	21	22	14	15	21	23	32	20	10	10	18	26	1	233
Franklin, .	17	8	3	6	15	12	27	16	8	8	4	13	4	141
Berkshire, .	11	8	4	11	11	9	15	13	7	6	9	9	2	115
Norfolk, . .	38	34	23	26	36	49	68	54	33	22	21	47	.	451
Bristol, . .	54	51	39	35	46	56	55	46	53	32	29	30	6	532
Plymouth, .	29	24	25	15	35	47	58	29	34	23	14	25	2	360
Barnstable, .	13	4	8	13	11	22	47	22	24	23	16	13	1	217
Dukes, . .	3	2	4	.	5	5	3	3	.	2	1	6	.	34
Nantucket, .	7	10	3	6	5	2	8	5	4	.	3	4	.	57
Total, . .	508	386	304	310	445	570	796	514	420	300	301	454	42	5350

TABLE II. 2. CONDITIONS AND AGES OF PARTIES TO MARRIAGES,

for the year ending the 30th of April, 1847.

(1.) BETWEEN BACHELORS AND MAIDS.

AGE OF THE MEN.	AGE OF THE WOMEN.														Total.	
	Under 20.	20 to 25.	25 to 30.	30 to 35.	35 to 40.	40 to 45.	45 to 50.	50 to 55.	55 to 60.	60 to 65.	65 to 70.	70 to 75.	75 to 80.	80 and upwards. Age of women not stated.		
Under 20, . . .	40	18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	61
20 to 25, . . .	685	998	100	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	35	1832
25 to 30, . . .	277	643	273	33	8	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21	1276
30 to 35, . . .	32	118	78	39	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	277
35 to 40, . . .	10	25	40	23	6	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	108
40 to 45, . . .	1	2	4	3	5	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19
45 to 50, . . .	1	1	2	5	5	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
50 to 55, . . .	.	.	2	1	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	7
55 to 60, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
60 to 65, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1
65 to 70, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
70 to 75, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
75 to 80, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
80 and upwards, Age of men not stated, . . .	11	20	8	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	351	393
Total, . . .	1057	1845	507	119	35	8	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	416	3969

(2.) BETWEEN BACHELORS AND WIDOWS.

Under 20, . .	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
20 to 25, . .	1	6	3	3	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
25 to 30, . .	.	9	11	6	6	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	33
30 to 35, . .	.	3	2	9	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
35 to 40, . .	1	.	2	1	4	.	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	11
40 to 45,	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
45 to 50,	1	.	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
50 to 55,	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
55 to 60,	1	1	.	.	2	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
60 to 65,	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
65 to 70,
70 to 75,	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
75 to 80,
80 and upwards,
Age of the men not stated,	17	17
Total, . .	3	20	21	24	21	1	11	.	2	.	1	.	.	.	17	121

(3.) BETWEEN WIDOWERS AND MAIDS.

AGE OF THE MEN.	AGE OF THE WOMEN.															TOTAL.
	Under 20.	20 to 25.	25 to 30.	30 to 35.	35 to 40.	40 to 45.	45 to 50.	50 to 55.	55 to 60.	60 to 65.	65 to 70.	70 to 75.	75 to 80.	80 and upwards.	Age of women not stated.	
Under 20, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20 to 25, . . .	7	11	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
25 to 30, . . .	12	56	24	3	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	98
30 to 35, . . .	9	28	22	16	3	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	82
35 to 40, . . .	3	18	19	15	12	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	71
40 to 45, . . .	2	12	12	13	12	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	58
45 to 50, . . .	1	2	3	9	8	8	4	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	37
50 to 55, . . .	.	1	.	3	2	5	3	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
55 to 60, . . .	.	.	1	1	2	6	7	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
60 to 65, . . .	.	.	.	.	1	1	2	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	6
65 to 70, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
70 to 75, . . .	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
75 to 80, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1
80 and upwards, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Age of men not stated, . . .	.	5	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	44	52
Total, . . .	34	133	84	62	43	27	20	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	49	464

(4.) BETWEEN WIDOWERS AND WIDOWS.

Under 20, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
20 to 25, . . .	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
25 to 30, . . .	.	.	6	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
30 to 35, . . .	.	4	4	3	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	17
35 to 40, . . .	.	.	2	6	5	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	17
40 to 45, . . .	.	2	4	3	13	6	2	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	31
45 to 50, . . .	.	.	2	1	5	3	6	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
50 to 55, . . .	.	.	.	1	3	4	6	4	1	1	.	.	.	.	1	21
55 to 60, . . .	.	1	.	.	.	5	3	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	11
60 to 65, . . .	.	.	.	.	1	3	2	4	4	3	1	.	.	.	.	18
65 to 70, . . .	.	.	.	.	1	1	2	4	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	11
70 to 75, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	5
75 to 80, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	2
80 and upwards, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Age of men not stated, . . .	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19	21
Total, . . .	.	9	19	18	34	27	23	15	9	6	4	1	.	.	23	198

(5.) CONDITION OF PARTIES NOT STATED.

AGE OF THE MEN.	AGE OF THE WOMEN.														TOTAL.	TOTAL OF MARRIAGES.		
	Under 20.	20 to 25.	25 to 30.	30 to 35.	35 to 40.	40 to 45.	45 to 50.	50 to 55.	55 to 60.	60 to 65.	65 to 70.	70 to 75.	75 to 80.	80 and upwards.		Age of women not stated.	Men.	Women.
Under 20,	65	1126
20 to 25, . . .	24	28	8	4	64	1933
25 to 30, . . .	7	18	9	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	36	1454
30 to 35, . . .	.	6	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12	406
35 to 40, . . .	.	.	2	2	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6	213
40 to 45, . . .	.	.	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	120
45 to 50, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	79
50 to 55, . . .	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	47
55 to 60, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	37
60 to 65, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27
65 to 70, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
70 to 75, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
75 to 80, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
80 and upwards, Age of men not stated, . . .	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	462	464	
Total, . . .	32	53	24	7	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	468	588	

NOTE.

These Tables, in relation to marriage, are read as follows:—*First Table.* 685 men, between the ages of 20 and 25, were married to women under 20; 12 women, between 30 and 35, were married to men between 20 and 25; or 10 men, between 35 and 40, were married to women under 20.—*Second Table.* 2 men, between 20 and 25, were married to widows between 35 and 40; or 1 man, between 25 and 30, married a widow between 45 and 50.—*Third Table.* 7 widowers, between 20 and 25, were married to women under 20, who had not before been married; and 1, between 45 and 50, to a woman under 20, &c. &c. The other Tables in a similar manner.

CAUSES OF DEATH—Continued.

DISEASE.	SEX.		AGE.												TIME OF DECEASE.												PLACE OF BIRTH.										
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Delirium Tremens, -	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	2	2	1	2	3	5	5	2	7	8	3	5	-	24		
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Diabetes, -	13	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	-	2	-	1	4	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	1	2	-	-	9	4	-	-	-		
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Suicide,	26	-	-	-	-	1	6	1	5	5	4	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	4	3	1	1	1	2	1	4	1	5	12	7	3	6	-	
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Syphilis,	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
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CAUSES OF DEATH—Continued.

DEATHS.

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DISEASE.	SEX.		AGE.													TIME OF DECEASE.										PLACE OF BIRTH.												
	Male.	Female.	Not stated.	Under 1 year.	From 1 to 2 years.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	100 and upwards.	Unknown.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Natives of the place where they died.	Natives of other places.	Foreigners.	Not stated.	Total.			
Scalding.	33	-	3	15	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	5	7	7	7	4	2	1	1	1	5	-	35	1	-	-	-	61
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Total.	5216	5524	225	1946	1000	879	494	707	1251	890	717	613	691	826	677	156	9	109	722	722	895	1339	1396	1066	791	900	754	784	867	814	7072	2301	501	1091	10965	10965		
Total.	Males	Females	Not stat.	Month not stated,													-					-					-					-						

TABLE III. 2. CLASSIFICATION OF CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE SEVERAL COUNTIES,

for the year ending April 30th, 1847.

DISEASES.		Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Berkshire.	Franklin.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.	Nantucket and Dukes.	TOTALS.
1. ZYMOTIC DISEASES; OR, EPIDEMIC, ENDAMIC, AND CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.														
1	Cholera, - - -	15	13	27	1	8	2	4	8	8	4	1	1	92
2	Cholera Infantum, - -	39	83	32	3	6	-	-	16	9	30	5	1	224
3	Croup, - - -	40	81	40	6	12	20	9	23	13	18	6	9	277
4	Diarrhœa, - - -	43	50	58	4	8	10	2	43	14	27	4	2	271
5	Dysentery, - - -	53	64	77	9	14	24	30	29	44	30	31	5	410
6	Erysipelas, - - -	7	8	18	1	2	-	4	5	1	3	1	3	53
7	Fever, Intermittent, -	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
8	“ Remittent, - - -	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	5	-	6
9	“ Typhus, - - -	171	225	188	42	55	47	32	60	48	39	27	4	944
10	Whooping Cough, - -	21	19	4	1	7	3	3	12	11	3	4	16	104
11	Influenza, - - -	2	4	13	-	1	-	2	-	3	2	1	-	28
12	Measles, - - -	18	42	21	-	8	7	-	10	4	4	2	20	136
13	Scarlatina, - - -	107	128	56	6	9	11	7	43	24	9	9	9	418
14	Small Pox, - - -	1	5	1	-	3	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	12
15	Syphilis, - - -	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
16	Thrush, - - -	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Totals, - - -		520	723	536	79	133	132	93	251	180	169	90	70	2982
2. DISEASES OF GENERAL OR UNCERTAIN SEAT.														
17	Abscess, - - -	2	2	3	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	10
18	Atrophy, - - -	2	15	5	5	2	1	1	1	3	3	-	-	38
19	Cancer, - - -	16	20	26	6	7	3	4	10	4	13	3	6	118
20	Debility, - - -	6	8	11	-	2	2	-	4	3	1	-	-	37
21	Dropsy, - - -	72	56	39	13	17	12	6	27	11	16	5	3	277
22	Gout, - - -	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
23	Hemorrhage, - - -	9	6	-	-	4	2	-	-	1	2	1	-	25
24	Infantile Diseases, -	157	130	48	25	9	23	10	65	118	72	42	-	708
25	Inflammation, - - -	5	7	4	1	1	2	-	2	4	1	-	-	27
26	Malformation, - - -	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	8
27	Mortification, - - -	7	10	15	-	-	3	4	1	4	-	-	-	44
28	Scrofula, - - -	4	8	11	2	5	3	3	1	1	1	2	-	41
29	Sudden Deaths, - -	1	6	5	3	1	4	-	1	3	-	3	-	27
30	Tumor, - - -	2	5	4	-	-	1	-	4	1	-	1	1	19
Totals, - - -		284	285	175	55	48	54	27	121	152	113	57	10	1362

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE SEVERAL COUNTIES—*Continued.*

DISEASES.		Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Wiltshire.	Franklin.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.	Nantucket and Dukes.	TOTALS.
3. DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM.														
31	Apoplexy, - - -	11	16	11	7	10	4	4	13	2	7	4	1	90
32	Cephalitis, - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	Chorea, - - -	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
34	Convulsions, - - -	40	51	46	9	10	16	5	21	17	5	7	10	237
35	Delirium Tremens, - - -	2	3	10	-	2	1	2	2	2	-	-	-	24
36	Epilepsy, - - -	-	-	8	-	-	-	1	2	1	2	1	-	14
37	Hydrocephalus, - - -	37	82	36	4	8	10	3	16	15	7	12	3	233
38	Insanity, - - -	5	3	6	-	1	-	1	4	1	1	2	-	24
39	Paralysis, - - -	51	22	26	8	2	6	6	17	2	18	1	5	164
40	Tetanus, - - -	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	1	9
41	Brain, &c., Disease of, -	8	43	29	4	2	5	5	10	14	5	8	-	133
Totals, - - -		156	220	172	35	35	43	26	86	56	45	36	20	930
4. DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY ORGANS.														
42	Asthma, - - -	2	4	2	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	12
43	Bronchitis, - - -	2	4	5	-	3	2	-	2	1	-	-	-	19
44	Consumption, - - -	450	439	435	97	136	84	75	182	197	131	118	53	2397
45	Hydrothorax, - - -	3	3	2	-	1	-	-	-	3	2	2	-	16
46	Laryngitis, - - -	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	5
47	Pleurisy, - - -	4	2	10	4	4	4	1	3	6	4	3	2	47
48	Pneumonia, - - -	80	93	102	16	20	27	10	55	64	17	12	5	501
49	Quinsy, - - -	1	-	5	2	-	-	-	4	2	-	-	-	14
50	Lungs, &c., Disease of, -	2	10	7	1	1	-	4	3	3	-	-	-	31
Totals, - - -		545	556	569	122	165	118	90	250	278	154	135	60	3042
5. DISEASES OF THE ORGANS OF CIRCULATION.														
51	Aneurism, - - -	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
52	Pericarditis, - - -	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
53	Heart, &c., Disease of, -	32	52	44	6	10	3	9	20	12	7	5	2	202
Totals, - - -		34	53	45	6	10	3	10	20	12	7	5	2	207
6. DISEASES OF THE DIGESTIVE ORGANS.														
54	Ascites, - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	Colic, - - -	1	1	2	1	2	1	-	-	6	2	-	-	16
56	Dyspepsia, - - -	1	1	4	1	1	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	12
57	Enteritis, - - -	17	19	24	3	9	7	-	13	4	16	4	2	118
58	Gastritis, - - -	3	4	4	-	4	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	19
59	Hernia, - - -	2	2	5	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	12
60	Intussusception, - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2
61	Peritonitis, - - -	-	1	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	7
62	Teething, - - -	11	22	1	-	5	-	-	13	3	4	2	-	61
63	Ulceration, - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
64	Worms, - - -	-	2	1	3	-	3	-	3	1	1	-	-	14

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE SEVERAL COUNTIES—*Continued.*

DISEASES.		Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Berkshire.	Franklin.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.	Nantucket and Dukes.	TOTALS.
65	Organs, &c., Disease of, -	4	21	3	-	1	-	3	6	3	3	1	-	45
66	Pancreas, Disease of, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
67	Hepatitis, - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
68	Jaundice, - - -	3	2	7	3	1	-	1	3	-	3	-	1	24
69	Liver, Disease of, - -	4	16	15	2	9	1	2	4	6	2	2	-	63
70	Spleen, Disease of, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals, - - -		46	91	69	13	34	13	64	925	34	10	3	393	
7. DISEASES OF THE URI- NARY ORGANS.														
71	Diabetes, - - -	-	5	6	-	2	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	16
72	Cystitis, - - -	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	4
73	Gravel, - - -	1	3	-	1	1	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	10
74	Nephritis, - - -	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
75	Kidneys, &c., Disease of,	1	2	4	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	1	1	13
Totals, - - -		2	13	13	1	4	4	2	2	2	3	1	1	48
8. DISEASES OF THE OR- GANS OF GENERATION.														
76	Childbirth, - - -	10	10	12	2	2	5	4	5	9	5	3	2	69
77	Puerperal Fever, - - -	3	8	2	1	4	2	-	3	2	-	-	-	25
78	Paramenia, - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
79	Organs, &c., Disease of, -	-	1	1	-	-	1	3	3	2	2	-	-	13
Totals, - - -		13	19	15	3	6	8	7	11	13	7	3	2	107
9. DISEASES OF THE OR- GANS OF LOCOMOTION.														
80	Rheumatism, - - -	2	6	4	-	-	4	-	4	-	-	1	-	21
81	Joints, &c., Disease of, -	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	5
82	Hip, Disease of, - - -	1	4	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	8
83	Spine, Disease of, - - -	3	4	1	1	4	-	1	3	2	1	-	-	20
Totals, - - -		7	14	7	1	4	5	1	8	4	2	1	-	54
10. DISEASES OF THE IN- TEGUMENTARY SYSTEM.														
84	Fistula, - - -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
85	Ulcers, - - -	2	2	1	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	11
86	Purpura, - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	4
87	Skin, &c., Disease of, -	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	4
Totals, - - -		4	2	2	-	2	2	-	2	5	1	-	-	20
88	11. OF OLD AGE, - - -	99	119	115	60	39	34	29	57	49	63	48	21	733
12. OF EXTERNAL CAUSES.														
89	Burns and Scalds, - - -	1	6	9	-	2	3	-	1	3	2	-	-	27
90	Casualties, - - -	20	25	33	3	8	11	3	11	10	6	3	4	137

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE SEVERAL COUNTIES—*Continued.*

	DISEASES.	Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Berkshire.	Franklin.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.	Nantucket and Dukes.	Totals.
91	Drowned, -	92	15	14	5	5	6	1	9	10	5	13	3	178
92	Fractures, -	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
93	Intemperance, -	7	10	2	-	3	-	-	3	3	2	-	-	30
94	Poisoned, -	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	4
95	Suffocation, -	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	3
96	Suicide, -	9	11	5	2	1	-	1	3	2	1	1	-	36
	Totals, -	129	71	66	10	10	21	5	27	29	17	18	7	419
97	13. CAUSES NOT SPECIFIED,	32	34	81	54	63	32	15	53	53	22	37	23	499
98	14. STILLBORN,	38	43	16	1	2	4	1	26	13	1	4	-	149
	Totals, -	1909	2243	1881	441	564	473	312	964	871	638	451	219	10,965

NOTES TO THE ABSTRACTS OF DISEASES.

It has been considered desirable to institute, as far as we can from the returns, a comparison of the prevalence of particular diseases, in the same districts, for different years. Boston having made no returns of deaths for the last four years, the County of Suffolk is excluded in the several abstracts of deaths.

In the Tables for 1847, the Alphabetical Abstract contains the names of the diseases, generally, as they appear in the returns. In the Classified Abstract, they are arranged after the plan of the Registrar General of Births, Marriages and Deaths in England, with some alterations, which circumstances in this country seemed to dictate. They are numbered for the purpose of convenient reference, and each class is arranged alphabetically. The numbers in parentheses, in the following notes, are references to the heads, under which diseases are arranged in the Classified Abstract. Those who may wish for a more particular sub-division of the diseases for 1847, or the age or month of the year in which they occurred, may consult the Alphabetical Abstract.

NOTES—1847.

Zimotic Diseases.—Under Cholera (1) are included 63 cases of Cholera Morbus, and 14 of Bilious Colic. Under Fever Remittent (8) are included 5 cases of Yellow Fever. Under Fever Typhus (9) are included 324 cases of Fever, 76 of Typhoid, 10 of Nervous, 72 of Brain, 15 of Synochus, 12 of Congestive, 5 of Putrid, 3 of Gastric, and 3 of Ship Fever. Under Scarlatina (13) are included 61 cases of Canker, 43 of Canker Rash, 33 of Throat Distemper, 9 of Throat Disease, and 3 of Putrid Sore Throat. Under Small Pox (14) are included 2 cases of Chicken Pox.

Diseases of General or Uncertain Seat.—Under Hemorrhage (23) are included 4 cases of Hæmoptysis, 2 of Hæmatemesis, and 1 of Epistaxis. Under Malformation (26) are included 1 case of Spina Bifida, and 1 of Cyanosis. Under Scrofula (28) are included 1 case of Bronchocele, 2 of King's Evil, 3 of Rickets, and 1 of Ilumor. Under Sudden Deaths (29) are included 6 Found Dead, 4 by Drinking Cold Water, and 1 of Surfeit. Under Tumor (30) is 1 case of Melanosis.

Diseases of the Nervous System.—Under Apoplexy (31) are included 5 cases of Lethargy. Under Convulsions (34) are included 11 cases of Spasms, and 1 of Catalepsy. Under Tetanus (40) is 1 case of Cramp. Under Brain, &c., Disease of (41) are included 54 cases of Inflammation of the Brain, 6 of Neuralgia, 16 of Congestion of the Brain, and 1 of Phrenitis.

Diseases of the Respiratory Organs.—Under Bronchitis (43) are included 2 cases of Catarrh. Under Consumption (44) are included 13 cases of Phthisis. Under Pneumonia (48) are included 371 cases of Lung Fever, and 53 of Inflammation of the Lungs. Under Lungs, &c., Disease of (50) are included 11 cases of Congestion of the Lungs.

Diseases of the Organs of Circulation.—Under Heart, &c., Disease of (53) are included 11 cases of Anæmia, 5 of Angina Pectoris, and 3 of Ossification of the Cardiac Valves.

Diseases of the Digestive Organs.—Under Colic (55) are included 1 case of Constipation of the Bowels, and 1 of Painters' Colic. Under Enteritis (57) are included 77 cases of Inflammation of the Bowels, and 22 of Bilious Fever. Under Hernia (59) are included 2 cases of Umbilical Rupture. Under Organs, &c., Disease of (65) are included 34 cases of Disease of the Bowels, 10 of Disease of the Stomach, and 1 of Disease of the Tongue. Under Jaundice (68) are included 2 cases of Obstruction of the Gall Ducts.

Diseases of the Urinary Organs.—Under Kidneys, &c., Disease of (75) are included 3 cases of Strangury, and 1 of Disease of the Prostate Gland.

Diseases of the Organs of Generation.—Under Childbirth (76) are included 2 cases of Rupture of the Uterus, and 1 of Abortion. Under Organs, &c., Disease of (79) are included 7 cases of Disease of the Ovaries.

Diseases of the Organs of Locomotion.—Under Joints, &c., Disease of (81) are included 5 cases of Disease of the Bones.

Diseases of the Integumentary System.—Under Ulcers (85) are included 3 cases of Fever Sore. Under Skin, &c., Disease of (87) are included 3 cases of Psoriasis, and 1 of Carbuncle.

Of External Causes.—Under Casualties (90) are included 8 cases of Sun Stroke, 2 of Murder, 2 of Medicine given by Mistake, 1 of Struck by Lightning, 1 Frozen, 1 Overlaid, 1 of Neck broken by diving into water, 1 Wounded, 1 of Fracture of the Spine, and 1 by Cutting a Corn. Under Drowned (92) 72 were lost at sea. Under Intemperance (99) 1 by the excessive use of Opium.

TABLE III. 3. ABSTRACT OF RETURNS OF CAUSES OF DEATHS,

in the three years 1845, 1846 and 1847.

	CAUSES OF DEATH.	1845.	1846.	1847.	To 10,000 Deaths by all Specified Causes, there were in		
					1845.	1846.	1847.
	All Causes,	8642	9211	10,816			
	Specified Causes,	8070	8741	10,317	10,000	10,000	10,000
1	Zimotic Diseases, or Epidemic, Endemic, and Contagious Diseases,	2208	2121	2982	273	2427	2890
	SPORADIC DISEASES.						
2	Of Uncertain or General Seat,	889	1730	1382	1102	1979	1339
3	Of the Nervous System,	794	769	930	984	880	901
4	Of the Respiratory Organs,	2542	2447	3042	3150	2799	2949
5	Of the Organs of Circulation,	136	151	207	168	172	201
6	Of the Digestive Organs,	517	328	393	641	375	381
7	Of the Urinary Organs,	32	36	48	40	41	47
8	Of the Organs of Generation,	95	80	107	118	92	104
9	Of the Organs of Locomotion,	34	39	54	42	45	52
10	Of the Integumentary System,	17	10	20	21	12	19
11	Of Old Age,	504	688	733	624	787	711
12	Of External Causes,	302	342	419	374	391	406
	Totals,	8070	8741	10,317	10,000	10,000	10,000
	1.						
1	Cholera,	45	40	92	56	46	89
2	Cholera Infantum,	111	258	224	138	294	217
3	Croup,	261	218	277	323	250	268
4	Diarrhœa,	24	55	271	30	63	263
5	Dysentery,	200	122	410	248	140	397
6	Erysipelas,	111	84	53	137	96	51
7	Fever Intermittent,	3	5	2	4	6	2
8	“ Remittent,	6	12	6	7	14	6
9	“ Typhus,	772	614	944	957	703	915
10	Whooping Cough,	68	100	104	84	114	101
11	Influenza,	16	16	28	20	18	27
12	Measles,	44	46	136	54	53	132
13	Scarlatina,	538	516	418	667	590	405
14	Small Pox,	5	32	12	6	37	12
15	Syphilis,	3	1	1	4	1	1
16	Thrush,	1	2	4	1	2	4
	Totals,	2208	2121	2982	2736	2427	2890
	2.						
17	Abscess,	3	13	10	4	15	10
18	Atrophy,	18	13	38	22	15	37
19	Cancer,	99	113	118	123	129	114
20	Debility,	15	13	37	19	15	36

CAUSES OF DEATHS—*Continued.*

	CAUSES OF DEATH.	1845.	1846.	1847.	To 10,000 Deaths by all Specified Causes, there were in		
					1845.	1846.	1847.
21	Dropey,	181	235	277	224	269	268
22	Gout,	5	5	3	6	6	3
23	Hemorrhage,	28	30	25	35	34	24
24	Infantile Diseases,	450	1187	708	558	1358	686
25	Inflammation,	6	31	27	7	35	26
26	Malformation,	4	4	8	5	5	8
27	Mortification,	26	24	44	32	27	43
28	Scrofula,	42	31	41	52	35	40
29	Sudden Deaths, . . . . .	.	19	27	.	22	26
30	Tumor,	12	12	19	15	14	18
	Totals,	889	1730	1382	1102	1979	1339
	3.						
31	Apoplexy,	82	69	90	101	79	87
32	Cephalitis,	94	88	54	116	44	52
33	Chorea,	2	2	2	3	2	2
34	Convulsions,	204	146	237	254	167	230
35	Delirium Tremens,	13	17	24	16	19	23
36	Epilepsy,	7	13	14	9	15	13
37	Hydrocephalus,	189	281	233	234	264	226
38	Insanity,	12	9	24	15	10	23
39	Paralysis,	117	177	164	145	203	159
40	Tetanus,	5	3	9	6	3	9
41	Brain, &c., Disease of,	69	64	79	85	74	77
	Totals,	794	769	930	964	880	901
	4.						
42	Asthma,	9	6	12	11	7	12
43	Bronchitis,	12	12	19	15	14	18
44	Consumption,	2072	2104	2397	2567	2407	2324
45	Hydrothorax,	49	18	16	61	20	15
46	Laryngitis,	5	1	5	6	1	5
47	Pleurisy,	20	33	47	25	38	46
48	Pneumonia,	350	235	501	434	269	486
49	Quinsy,	11	9	14	14	10	13
50	Lungs, &c., Disease of,	14	29	31	17	33	30
	Totals,	2542	2447	3042	3150	2799	2949
	5.						
51	Aneurism,	3	3	3	4	4	3
52	Pericarditis,	13	1	2	16	1	2
53	Heart, &c., Disease of,	120	147	202	148	167	196
	Totals,	136	151	207	168	172	201
	6.						
54	Ascites, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.
55	Colic,	34	12	16	42	14	15
56	Dyspepsia,	12	8	12	15	9	12

CAUSES OF DEATHS—*Continued.*

	CAUSES OF DEATH.	1845.	1846.	1847.	To 10,000 Deaths by all Specified Causes, there were in		
					1845.	1846	1847.
57	Enteritis,	145	132	118	179	151	114
58	Gastritis,	11	4	19	13	4	18
59	Hernia, . . . . .	.	9	12	.	10	12
60	Intussusception,	5	5	2	6	6	2
61	Peritonitis,	12	5	7	15	6	7
62	Teething,	31	30	61	38	34	60
63	Ulceration, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.
64	Worms,	10	7	14	12	8	13
65	Organs, &c., Disease of,	194	53	45	243	61	44
66	Pancreas, Disease of, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.
67	Hepatitis, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.
68	Jaundice,	12	14	24	15	16	23
69	Liver, Disease of,	51	49	63	63	56	61
70	Spleen, Disease of, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Totals,	517	328	393	641	375	381
	7.						
71	Diabetes,	7	15	16	9	17	15
72	Cystitis,	5	3	4	6	3	4
73	Gravel,	9	9	10	11	10	10
74	Nephritis,	3	.	5	4	.	5
75	Kidneys, &c., Disease of,	8	9	13	10	11	13
	Totals,	32	36	48	40	41	47
	8.						
76	Childbirth,	52	45	69	65	52	67
77	Puerperal Fever,	35	30	25	43	34	24
78	Paramenia, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.
79	Organs, &c., Disease of,	8	5	13	10	6	13
	Totals,	95	80	107	118	92	104
	9.						
80	Rheumatism,	17	13	21	21	15	20
81	Joints, &c., Disease of,	1	2	5	1	2	5
82	Hip, Disease of,	2	3	8	3	3	8
83	Spine, Disease of,	14	21	20	17	25	19
	Totals,	34	39	54	42	45	52
	10.						
84	Fistula,	1	.	1	1	.	1
85	Ulcers,	10	9	11	12	11	10
86	Purpura,	4	.	4	5	.	4
87	Skin, &c., Disease of,	2	1	4	3	1	4
	Totals,	17	10	20	21	12	19
	11.						
88	Old Age,	504	688	733	624	787	711

CAUSES OF DEATHS—*Continued.*

	CAUSES OF DEATH.	1845.	1846.	1847.	To 10,000 Deaths by all Specified Causes, there were in		
					1845.	1846.	1847.
	12.						
89	Burns and Scalds, . . .	33	36	27	41	41	26
90	Casualties, . . .	84	131	129	104	150	125
91	Drinking Cold Water, . .	.	.	4	.	.	4
92	Drowned, . . .	114	115	178	141	131	172
93	Executed, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Fractures, . . .	3	.	4	4	.	4
95	Frozen, . . .	.	.	1	.	.	1
96	Glanders, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.
97	Hydrophobia, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	Homicide, . . .	.	.	2	.	.	2
99	Intemperance, . . .	23	19	30	29	22	29
100	Lightning, . . .	.	.	1	.	.	1
101	Malpractice, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.
102	Necusis, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.
103	Poisoned, . . .	10	5	4	12	6	4
104	Starvation, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.
105	Suffocation, . . .	6	5	3	7	6	3
106	Suicide, . . .	29	31	36	36	35	35
107	Wounds, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Totals, . . .	302	342	419	374	391	406
	13.						
108	Causes not specified, . .	572	470	499	709	538	484
	14.						
109	Stillborn, . . .	73	109	149	90	125	144

NOTE.

The number of the *stillborn*, in 1847, is stated above to be 149, while in the table on the next page it is 33. The cause of this disagreement is that the first number (149) was abstracted from the returns of the deaths; and the second (33) from the returns of the births. The stillborn should always be fully reported, both among the births and deaths; but, having never lived as separate, independent persons, they should be excluded in numbering the deaths. This has been done in all the calculations in these tables. A deduction of 499, for causes not specified, leaves 10,317 as the number of deaths for specified causes, and this was the basis of the calculations.

TABLE III. 4. STILLBORN CASES.

Month.	Sex.	COUNTIES.											Total.		
		Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Franklin.	Berkshire.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.		Dukes.	Nantucket.
May, . .	Male, . .	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	2
	Female, .	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
June, . .	Male, . .	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	4
	Female, .	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	3
	Not stated,	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
July, . .	Male, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Female, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
August, .	Male, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Female, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
September,	Male, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
	Female, .	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	3
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
October, .	Male, . .	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Female, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
	Not stated,	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
November,	Male, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1
	Female, .	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	2
	Not stated,	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
December,	Male, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Female, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
January, .	Male, . .	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Female, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
February, .	Male, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1
	Female, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Not stated,	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
March, . .	Male, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
	Female, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
April, . .	Male, . .	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Female, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
Total, . .	Male, . .	.	.	4	2	.	1	1	1	2	.	2	1	.	14
	Female, .	.	.	4	2	.	.	.	1	1	2	.	1	.	11
	Not stated,	.	.	4	.	2	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	8
Grand total.	.	.	12	4	2	1	1	2	3	3	3	2	.	33	

TABLE IV. FACTS ILLUSTRATING THE INFLUENCE OF
OCCUPATION ON LONGEVITY,

Showing the number, and the aggregate and average ages of individuals differently employed, abstracted from the returns.

[NOTE. No person under 20 years of age is included in this abstract. It is supposed that occupations have no particular influence before that time.]

OCCUPATIONS.	1845.			1846.			1847.		
	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.
Artists, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	48	24.00
Clergymen,	11	555	50.00	14	897	64.07	17	1045	61.47
Editors, . . . . .	.	.	.	1	45	45.00	.	.	.
Lawyers,	7	346	49.42	8	472	59.00	9	593	65.89
Physicians,	20	1132	56.60	21	1000	47.64	21	1111	52.90
Professors, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	120	60.00
Scholars,	3	70	23.33	1	21	21.00	7	163	23.29
Teachers,	21	626	29.85	9	412	45.78	12	546	45.50
Musicians, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	159	39.75
Total,	62	2729	43.93	54	2847	52.72	74	3785	51.15
Booksellers,	1	26	26.00	.	.	.	.	.	.
Brokers, . . . . .	.	.	.	2	108	54.00	.	.	.
Gentlemen,	9	613	68.11	10	662	66.20	13	937	72.08
Merchants,	46	2904	50.08	42	2313	55.07	56	2583	46.13
Traders,	34	1460	42.94	27	1213	44.92	33	1498	45.39
Total,	90	4403	48.92	81	4296	53.04	102	5018	49.20
Farmers,	645	39,869	61.64	679	45,241	66.63	741	47,538	64.14
Clerks,	11	402	36.54	14	518	37.00	18	630	35.00
Public Officers,	6	348	58.33	7	331	47.29	6	392	65.33
Engineers,	2	63	31.50	2	62	31.00	3	94	31.33
Innkeepers,	8	343	42.12	7	355	50.71	12	615	51.25
Stage Drivers,	4	147	36.75	3	105	35.00	3	159	53.00
Drovers,	1	20	20.00	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wharfingers,	3	181	60.33	.	.	.	.	.	.
Baggage Masters, . . . . .	.	.	.	1	25	25.00	.	.	.
Total,	35	1544	44.11	34	1396	41.06	42	1890	45.00
Bakers,	4	191	47.75	5	194	38.80	8	425	53.12
Barbers,	1	24	24.00	3	142	47.33	1	43	43.00
Blacksmiths,	45	2346	52.13	43	2197	51.09	61	3367	55.52

INFLUENCE OF OCCUPATION, &c.—*Continued.*

OCCUPATIONS.	1845.			1846.			1847.		
	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.
Block-makers,	2	131	65.50	2	132	66.00	.	.	.
Bookbinders,	1	29	29.00	1	41	41.00	.	.	.
Brake and Firemen, . . . . .	.	.	.	4	110	27.50	.	.	.
Brick-makers, . . . . .	.	.	.	2	90	45.00	2	58	29.00
Brush-makers,	1	39	39.00	1	66	66.00	.	.	.
Butchers,	6	320	53.33	8	294	36.75	4	199	49.75
Cabinet-makers,	13	642	49.38	9	414	46.00	14	639	45.63
Caru-makers,	1	31	31.00	3	138	46.00	1	70	70.00
Carpenters,	79	4129	52.26	70	3426	48.94	92	4409	48.01
Caulkers and Gravers,	2	145	72.50	3	199	66.33	2	116	58.00
Chair-makers, . . . . .	.	.	.	6	206	34.33	8	296	37.00
Chaise-makers, . . . . .	.	.	.	2	140	70.00	3	164	54.67
Cigar makers,	2	60	30.00	1	20	20.00	.	.	.
Clock-makers, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	43	43.00
Clothiers, . . . . .	.	.	.	2	95	47.50	1	69	69.00
Comb-makers, . . . . .	.	.	.	2	84	42.00	3	97	32.33
Confectioners,	1	51	51.00	.	.	.	1	24	24.00
Coopers,	13	843	64.76	19	1030	54.21	20	1178	58.90
Coppersmiths, . . . . .	.	.	.	1	42	42.00	1	47	47.00
Curriers and Tanners,	2	54	27.00	10	437	43.70	12	576	48.00
Cutlers,	2	111	55.50	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dentists, . . . . .	.	.	.	2	86	43.00	.	.	.
Distillers,	1	51	51.00	.	.	.	.	.	.
Druggists, . . . . .	.	.	.	1	57	57.00	3	144	48.00
Dyers, . . . . .	.	.	.	3	110	36.67	1	37	37.00
Engravers, . . . . .	.	.	.	4	127	31.75	.	.	.
Founders, . . . . .	.	.	.	1	25	25.00	3	134	44.67
Furnace-men,	1	32	32.00	1	22	22.00	4	255	63.75
Glass-cutters, . . . . .	.	.	.	1	37	37.00	.	.	.
Gunsmiths, . . . . .	.	.	.	1	80	80.00	.	.	.
Harness-makers,	7	310	44.29	4	152	38.00	5	338	67.60
Hatters,	5	348	69.60	10	553	55.30	7	425	60.71
Inspectors of beef, . . . . .	.	.	.	1	43	43.00	.	.	.
Jewellers,	5	240	48.00	4	163	40.75	5	203	40.60
Leather-dressers, . . . . .	.	.	.	5	245	49.00	.	.	.
Machinists,	13	437	33.61	16	503	31.44	33	1234	37.37
Manufacturers,	31	1333	43.00	6	253	42.17	20	630	31.50
Masons,	21	1182	56.28	20	990	49.50	15	787	52.47
Mast-makers, . . . . .	.	.	.	1	58	58.00	3	135	45.00
Mechanics,	9	406	45.11	7	345	49.29	22	829	37.68
Millers,	5	242	48.50	5	363	72.60	6	472	78.67
Millwrights, . . . . .	.	.	.	1	51	51.00	3	153	51.00
Nailers,	4	153	38.25	3	132	44.00	.	.	.
Operatives, . . . . .	.	.	.	12	426	35.50	19	569	30.00
Organ-builders, . . . . .	.	.	.	1	61	61.00	.	.	.
Painters,	10	411	41.10	16	644	40.25	24	1115	46.46
Paper makers,	3	124	41.33	3	172	57.33	1	26	26.00
Paper stainers,	1	28	28.00	.	.	.
Pattern-makers,	1	45	45.00	.	.	.
Pianoforte-makers,	1	24	24.00

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INFLUENCE OF OCCUPATION, &c.—Continued.

OCCUPATIONS.	1845.			1846.			1847.		
	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.
Pile-drivers, . . .	.	.	.	1	54	54.00	.	.	.
Pocketbook-makers, . . .	1	69	69.00	.	.	.	.	.	.
Potters, . . .	.	.	.	1	80	80.00	.	.	.
Powder-makers, . . .	.	.	.	3	97	32.33	1	26	26.00
Printers, . . .	4	118	29.50	4	130	32.50	6	206	34.33
Pump & Block-makers, . . .	.	.	.	2	164	82.00	.	.	.
Riggers, . . .	1	53	53.00	1	37	37.00	.	.	.
Rope-makers, . . .	2	90	45.00	7	426	60.86	7	364	52.00
Sail-makers, . . .	.	.	.	8	127	42.33	1	74	74.00
Salt manufacturers, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	132	66.00
Sculptors, . . .	.	.	.	1	93	93.00	.	.	.
Shipwrights, . . .	5	290	58.00	8	498	62.25	13	755	58.04
Shoe-makers, . . .	134	5596	41.76	133	5586	42.00	154	6716	43.61
Soap-makers, . . .	.	.	.	1	60	60.00	2	82	41.00
Stablers, . . .	3	158	39.50	2	63	31.50	1	58	58.00
Stone-cutters, . . .	10	416	41.61	16	688	43.00	14	565	40.36
Tailors, . . .	12	600	50.00	5	272	54.40	14	680	48.57
Tallow-chandlers, . . .	.	.	.	1	64	64.00	1	67	67.00
Tinmen, . . .	.	.	.	3	141	47.00	3	97	32.33
Trunk-makers, . . .	.	.	.	1	33	33.00	.	.	.
Umbrella-makers, . . .	.	.	.	1	43	43.00	.	.	.
Victuallers, . . .	3	140	46.66	.	.	.	2	97	48.50
Weavers, . . .	.	.	.	6	295	49.17	5	281	56.20
Well-diggers, . . .	.	.	.	1	25	25.00	.	.	.
Wheel-wrights, . . .	6	192	32.00	6	242	40.33	15	669	44.60
Whip-makers, . . .	.	.	.	1	32	32.00	1	36	36.00
Wood-turners, . . .	1	56	56.00	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wool-dyers, . . .	1	55	55.00	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wool-sorters, . . .	2	96	48.00	2	95	47.50	.	.	.
Total, . . .	476	22,398	47.05	538	24,613	45.75	651	30,241	46.45
Male Domestics, . . .	.	.	.	1	97	97.00	3	154	51.33
Laborers, . . .	208	10,358	49.79	209	10,238	49.00	259	12,088	46.67
Teamsters, . . .	11	332	30.18	6	344	57.33	.	.	.
Total, . . .	219	10,690	48.81	216	10,679	49.44	262	12,242	46.73
Fishermen, . . .	14	580	41.42	7	316	45.14	69	2620	37.97
Freighters, . . .	.	.	.	2	83	41.50	.	.	.
Pilots, . . .	.	.	.	2	133	66.50	.	.	.
Seamen, . . .	131	5626	42.94	106	5266	48.76	145	6590	45.45
Total, . . .	145	6206	42.80	119	5798	48.72	214	9210	43.04

INFLUENCE OF OCCUPATION, &c.—*Continued.*

OCCUPATIONS.	1845.			1846.			1847.		
	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.
Paupers, . . .	5	408	81.60	36	2,503	69.53	21	1,386	66.00
Insane, . . .	.	.	.	1	68	68.00	26	1,322	50.85
Total, . . .	5	408	81.60	37	2,571	69.48	47	2,708	57.62
FEMALES.									
Domestics, . . .	8	466	55.75	5	153	30.60	11	604	54.99
Dress-makers, . . .	11	338	30.72	8	239	29.87	9	271	30.11
Housekeepers, . . .	179	8,888	49.61	275	14,279	51.92	371	19,133	51.57
Ladies, . . .	3	212	70.66	2	140	70.00	3	213	71.00
Midwives, . . .	.	.	.	1	92	92.00	.	.	.
Milliners, . . .	2	53	26.50	3	132	44.00	4	132	33.00
Nurses, . . .	2	106	53.00	4	208	52.00	2	128	64.00
Operatives, . . .	27	779	21.44	30	767	25.57	43	1,162	27.02
Seamstresses, . . .	9	464	44.88	18	717	39.83	11	514	46.73
Shoe-binders, . . .	3	115	38.33	5	117	23.40	6	313	52.17
Straw-braiders, . . .	4	140	35.50	3	134	44.66	5	180	36.00
Tailoresses, . . .	16	654	40.87	17	658	38.71	9	391	43.44
Teachers, . . .	.	.	.	14	376	26.86	14	405	28.93
Weavers, . . .	.	.	.	10	525	52.50	2	50	25.00
Total, . . .	264	12,215	46.32	395	18,537	46.93	490	23,496	47.95

RECAPITULATION.

Professional men, . . .	62	2,724	43.93	54	2,847	52.72	74	3,785	51.15
Merchants, . . .	90	4,403	48.92	81	4,296	53.04	102	5,018	49.20
Agriculturists, . . .	645	39,869	61.81	679	45,241	66.63	741	47,538	64.14
Public Officers, . . .	35	1,544	44.11	34	1,396	41.06	42	1,890	45.00
Mechanics, . . .	476	22,398	47.05	538	24,613	45.75	651	30,241	46.45
Laborers, . . .	219	10,690	48.81	216	10,679	49.44	262	12,242	46.73
Seamen, . . .	145	6,206	42.80	119	5,798	48.72	214	9,210	43.04
Paupers, . . .	5	408	81.60	37	2,571	69.48	47	2,708	57.62
Females, . . .	264	12,215	46.32	395	18,537	46.93	490	23,496	47.95
Total & averages, . . .	1941	100,457	51.76	2153	115,978	53.87	2623	136,128	51.89

TABLE V. FACTS ILLUSTRATING THE INFLUENCE OF DOMESTIC
CONDITION ON LONGEVITY,

*Showing, for each County, the number and aggregate age of all in the
returns over 20 years old, whose condition is specified.*

COUNTIES.	MALES.						FEMALES.					
	UNMARRIED.		MARRIED.		WIDOWERS.		UNMARRIED.		MARRIED.		WIDOWS.	
	Number.	Aggregate age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Number.	Aggregate age.
Essex, . .	88	3134	204	10,705	30	2,141	88	4,241	23	9,359	165	12,312
Middlesex, .	43	1509	231	11,723	45	3,306	88	3,416	290	12,582	101	7,488
Worcester, .	104	3764	258	13,928	64	4,707	104	4,520	272	12,194	142	10,424
Hampshire, .	11	374	45	2,736	16	1,277	28	1,080	70	3,376	44	3,282
Hampden, .	27	880	76	4,360	17	1,076	23	846	93	3,881	41	2,834
Franklin, .	18	557	47	2,677	11	841	27	1,179	45	2,128	30	2,257
Berkshire, .	21	885	64	3,868	15	1,113	20	813	84	3,931	43	3,170
Norfolk, . .	48	1867	128	7,329	23	1,666	51	2,698	119	4,908	67	4,834
Bristol, . .	30	1017	105	5,527	25	1,881	27	1,555	123	5,657	53	3,992
Plymouth, .	26	1107	84	5,101	16	1,191	38	1,733	94	4,402	68	5,123
Barnstable, .	5	153	68	3,392	16	1,126	15	683	68	2,934	40	2,989
Dukes & Nant.	7	267	30	1,704	2	133	11	721	28	1,248	20	1,568
Total, . .	428	15,514	1340	73,050	280	20,458	520	23,545	1489	66,600	814	60,273
Average age, .	.	36.25	.	54.52	.	73.06	.	45.28	.	44.73	.	74.05

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30TH, 1848.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, BOSTON, }
December 15, 1848. }

To the Honorable Senate, and House of Representatives :

In compliance with the provisions of law, I present the Annual Report containing the statement and results, in tabular form, of the Returns of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, for the registration year, ending April 30th, 1848.

I have deemed it unnecessary to make the usual analysis of the following tables, because their design appears very distinctly on the face of them, and their importance cannot, to an intelligent mind, be heightened by any analysis.

The attention of the members of the Legislature is particularly invited to the selections, in the form of notes, from the communications of the returning officers. They indicate the existence of many deficiencies in the execution of the law; but they evince a strong sense of its importance, and a desire that it may be so amended as to insure its thorough enforcement.

Twenty-eight cities and towns have made no returns, whilst several others have made incomplete ones. The names of these towns are given at the end of the "Notes," for each county.

The returns now presented show the number of births to be as 1 to 39½ of the inhabitants, according to the census of 1840; the number of marriages as 1 to 122, and the number of deaths as 1 to 62¼. The great change and increase of population in the Commonwealth, within the last eight or ten years, affect materially the importance of these proportions. And the fact, that a

new census is now soon to be taken, renders this a very desirable time for a further improvement and enforcement of the law.

The continued neglect of the city of Boston, to aid the government in the accomplishment of the invaluable purpose, contemplated by the law, ought not to be overlooked. This neglect cannot be in consonance with the intelligence and wisdom, which are so conspicuous in the noble and enlightened public spirit of Boston. The bearing of the results and facts, sought for by the requirements of the law, on interests of indisputable importance, cannot fail to be seen by all thoughtful observers.

To improve man's physical condition, and thus to contribute to his moral advancement, is the great purpose of the statistical views and facts, which the law in question strives to bring to light. More than ever important does this purpose become at the present moment, when our Commonwealth and country lie open to unlimited emigrations from the old world. Unspeakably interesting and vital should this view of the subject be to the city of Boston.

In reference to the subject generally, the undersigned respectfully refers, for the consideration of the Legislature, to a letter of **LEMUEL SHATTUCK, Esq.**, annexed to the *fourth* Report from this office, under the Act of Registration; and to a communication made to the last Legislature by **EDWARD JARVIS, M. D.**, in behalf of the "American Statistical Association;" and to the Memorial of **LEMUEL SHATTUCK, Esq.**, presented in the Senate at the last session.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. CALHOUN, Secretary.

REGISTRATION
OF
BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS
IN
MASSACHUSETTS,
ENDING APRIL 30, 1848.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS,

Returned to the Secretary's Office, for the three years ending April 30th, 1846, 1847, and 1848.

COUNTIES AND TOWNS.	Population in 1840.	BIRTHS.			MARRIAGES.			DEATHS.		
		1846.	1847.	1848.	1846.	1847.	1848.	1846.	1847.	1848.
SUFFOLK.										
Boston, -	93,383	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chelsea, -	2,390	134	180	165	29	30	22	30	98	110
North Chelsea, -	-	-	-	28	-	10	3	-	-	-
Totals, -	95,773	134	180	193	29	40	25	30	98	110
ESSEX.										
Amesbury, -	2,471	50	45	62	19	18	11	48	35	53
Andover, -	5,207	162	138	-	30	38	43	75	62	92
Beverly, -	4,689	109	146	-	46	32	-	61	115	-
Boxford, -	942	34	25	25	10	4	7	11	29	10
Bradford, -	2,222	41	49	59	17	16	18	44	43	43
Danvers, -	5,020	208	199	227	61	56	32	97	83	78
Essex, -	1,450	39	30	25	17	10	8	22	35	20
Georgetown, -	1,540	47	61	38	18	7	10	16	28	26
Gloucester, -	6,350	192	202	213	79	76	64	139	170	143
Hamilton, -	818	24	15	25	12	6	3	11	12	14
Haverhill, -	4,336	104	-	140	41	46	37	58	21	20
Ipswich, -	3,000	2	42	2	22	18	20	54	44	48
Lawrence, -	-	-	-	216	-	-	30	-	-	110
Lynn, -	9,367	335	306	259	94	63	110	206	225	173
Lynnfield, -	707	24	19	18	10	8	5	15	8	9
Manchester, -	1,355	45	64	47	11	17	13	43	44	37
Marblehead, -	5,575	207	202	145	41	41	55	102	171	129
Methuen, -	2,251	71	108	76	27	21	20	38	79	40
Middleton, -	657	18	18	17	4	5	1	11	15	5
Newbury, -	3,789	67	41	104	26	36	32	49	60	9
Newburyport, -	7,161	220	253	217	99	101	104	114	140	185
Rockport, -	2,650	87	89	82	21	-	37	38	57	64
Rowley, -	1,203	24	18	25	7	7	8	20	14	17
Salem, -	15,082	265	250	292	134	125	144	297	339	323
Salisbury, -	2,739	60	61	56	20	27	32	51	33	33
Saugus, -	1,098	35	40	34	13	5	8	14	21	34
Topsfield, -	1,059	35	19	25	10	4	4	18	15	12
Wenham, -	689	17	-	-	7	-	-	8	-	-
West Newbury, -	1,560	5	46	40	12	15	10	13	11	16
Totals, -	94,987	2527	2486	2469	908	802	866	1673	1909	1743

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS—Continued.

COUNTIES AND TOWNS.	Population in 1840.	BIRTHS.			MARRIAGES.			DEATHS.		
		1846.	1847.	1848.	1846.	1847.	1848.	1846.	1847.	1848.
MIDDLESEX.										
Acton, - - -	1121	-	-	-	8	9	7	18	26	-
Ashby, - - -	1246	7	-	25	5	11	14	15	31	20
Ashland, - - -	-	13	23	36	3	11	7	1	8	14
Bedford, - - -	929	23	28	16	6	6	8	13	23	19
Billerica, - - -	1632	32	22	29	13	2	9	25	20	26
Boxborough, - - -	426	8	8	-	2	3	7	6	9	4
Brighton, - - -	1425	50	63	66	16	12	10	22	17	39
Burlington, - - -	510	13	12	11	2	8	3	3	8	12
Cambridge, - - -	8409	342	431	511	73	62	64	155	190	210
Carlisle, - - -	556	12	6	14	4	5	3	7	3	8
Charlestown, - - -	11,484	482	437	583	139	134	55	268	374	322
Chelmsford, - - -	1697	36	47	56	8	14	17	15	29	32
Concord, - - -	1784	56	-	-	15	13	14	21	21	34
Dracut, - - -	2188	-	58	47	-	41	50	-	22	12
Dunstable, - - -	603	9	8	9	-	6	3	5	10	9
Frammingham, - - -	3030	98	79	95	10	19	16	21	-	26
Groton, - - -	2139	54	13	36	14	9	15	44	13	23
Holliston, - - -	1782	62	59	50	7	20	16	26	31	35
Hopkinton, - - -	2245	74	49	37	21	10	12	25	34	31
Lexington, - - -	1642	31	27	23	12	14	13	18	12	36
Lincoln, - - -	686	15	7	15	4	7	5	4	8	16
Littleton, - - -	927	2	6	-	8	-	7	18	13	19
Lowell, - - -	20,796	656	772	717	407	584	646	430	690	936
Malden, - - -	2514	71	71	53	21	27	35	46	69	41
Marlborough, - - -	2101	48	63	20	19	23	15	36	26	18
Medford, - - -	2478	90	83	76	25	17	13	42	53	38
Natick, - - -	1285	54	10	75	11	12	20	20	5	42
Newton, - - -	3351	1	4	4	9	28	16	74	60	55
Pepperell, - - -	1571	39	44	23	7	16	10	14	24	24
Reading, - - -	2193	74	45	84	20	15	22	35	44	41
Sherburne, - - -	995	23	22	25	11	6	8	10	12	18
Shirley, - - -	957	27	27	26	6	9	9	13	18	49
Somerville, - - -	-	-	51	-	-	19	-	-	-	-
South Reading, - - -	1517	40	30	42	14	18	13	20	34	20
Stoneham, - - -	1017	36	50	45	12	14	12	14	19	11
Stow, - - -	1230	3	-	-	8	6	10	1	1	-
Sudbury, - - -	1422	35	35	38	11	9	6	14	20	21
Tewksbury, - - -	906	22	7	25	11	5	3	16	17	36
Townsend, - - -	1892	39	49	54	6	13	11	28	33	37
Tyngsborough, - - -	870	23	17	16	3	2	-	12	12	10
Waltham, - - -	2504	60	93	69	41	40	20	35	51	61
Watertown, - - -	1810	-	71	76	15	17	11	-	-	-
Wayland, - - -	998	21	19	21	10	12	7	15	18	19
West Cambridge, - - -	1363	42	42	47	26	18	18	21	32	16
Westford, - - -	1436	14	29	36	4	7	7	10	11	9
Weston, - - -	1092	22	20	24	8	15	9	13	14	23
Wilmington, - - -	859	33	21	29	10	8	9	12	15	12
Woburn, - - -	2993	119	113	-	34	30	31	61	63	62
Totals, - - -	106,611	3011	3171	3284	1119	1386	1316	1722	2243	2546

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS—Continued.

COUNTIES AND TOWNS.	Population in 1840.	BIRTHS.			MARRIAGES.			DEATHS.		
		1846.	1847.	1848.	1846.	1847.	1848.	1846.	1847.	1848.
WORCESTER.										
Ashburnham, -	1652	49	56	28	11	11	17	25	41	50
Athol, -	1591	45	53	44	13	13	16	32	37	-
Auburn, -	649	16	20	9	6	6	3	10	19	13
Barre, -	2751	64	66	46	27	20	22	40	57	39
Berlin, -	763	13	18	9	5	2	4	7	9	9
Blackstone, -	-	93	133	115	22	20	16	34	83	90
Bolton, -	1186	29	29	26	9	6	7	15	10	23
Boylston, -	797	18	23	-	5	5	7	10	15	21
Brookfield, -	2472	56	62	50	23	17	14	23	54	44
Charlton, -	2117	6	15	11	14	10	14	27	35	28
Dana, -	691	26	31	-	6	5	-	13	6	-
Douglas, -	1617	48	43	52	19	10	15	24	23	31
Dudley, -	1352	40	33	25	8	8	10	17	17	24
Fitchburg, -	2604	85	124	122	34	42	37	73	87	100
Gardner, -	1260	38	42	51	17	14	7	25	31	24
Grafton, -	2943	115	106	110	24	32	31	52	45	48
Hardwick, -	1789	29	34	39	15	10	11	30	22	28
Harvard, -	1571	26	31	24	8	11	7	36	22	37
Holden, -	1874	59	73	62	19	16	15	36	30	36
Hubbardston, -	1784	52	57	44	14	17	14	34	41	27
Lancaster, -	2019	9	9	17	27	35	23	16	33	46
Leicester, -	1707	43	34	53	17	14	17	27	34	41
Leominster, -	2069	61	64	69	18	16	17	40	39	54
Lunenburg, -	1272	23	10	9	3	7	12	17	16	29
Mendon, -	3524	38	35	27	4	4	3	18	19	22
Milford, -	1773	56	84	73	37	23	19	31	33	49
Millbury, -	2171	60	55	80	12	38	12	30	41	68
New Braintree, -	752	8	14	22	2	4	3	13	22	13
North Brookfield, -	1485	32	50	26	9	12	10	27	21	33
Northborough, -	1248	10	12	11	13	18	11	17	21	19
Northbridge, -	1449	49	74	72	25	16	11	25	37	26
Oakham, -	1038	12	29	27	10	13	8	20	13	16
Oxford, -	1742	36	7	-	22	12	20	31	5	43
Paxton, -	670	27	27	30	4	7	3	13	19	10
Petersham, -	1775	34	19	30	9	8	10	23	20	15
Phillipston, -	919	21	16	-	4	4	-	13	12	-
Princeton, -	1347	30	28	38	5	10	5	25	12	28
Royalston, -	1667	36	11	28	12	14	12	32	21	26
Rutland, -	1260	19	31	28	13	12	7	26	29	21
Shrewsbury, -	1481	24	32	28	5	10	7	18	32	35
Southborough, -	1145	19	26	25	14	4	12	26	23	31
Southbridge, -	2031	55	68	15	23	12	15	38	32	31
Spencer, -	1604	50	55	45	13	13	8	18	28	23
Sterling, -	1647	40	42	34	11	12	14	30	26	28
Sturbridge, -	2005	51	48	58	14	7	14	29	36	33
Sutton, -	2370	66	50	39	21	14	12	45	30	35
Templeton, -	1776	27	8	32	10	19	10	29	30	31
Upton, -	1466	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uxbridge, -	2004	62	52	62	27	19	20	48	38	41
Warren, -	1290	42	44	52	9	10	11	22	28	24
Webster, -	1403	44	34	40	10	9	14	23	23	22

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS—Continued.

COUNTIES AND TOWNS.	Population in 1840.	BIRTHS.			MARRIAGES.			DEATHS.		
		1846.	1847.	1848.	1846.	1847.	1848.	1846.	1847.	1848.
West Boylston, -	1187	47	50	53	14	18	12	29	36	23
Westborough, -	1658	39	33	47	7	6	9	38	35	30
Westminster, -	1645	54	6	4	10	20	11	44	28	22
Winchendon, -	1754	30	50	54	22	22	23	17	23	25
Worcester, -	7497	313	435	449	116	97	110	273	302	387
Totals, -	95,313	2474	2691	2544	871	834	772	1734	1881	2052
HAMPSHIRE.										
Amherst, -	2550	77	72	70	25	12	26	51	39	35
Belchertown, -	2554	20	70	40	20	23	23	32	49	30
Chesterfield, -	1132	-	-	22	-	12	3	-	17	21
Cummington, -	1237	4	5	-	15	7	15	6	6	9
Easthampton, -	717	13	-	-	7	2	3	21	8	12
Enfield, -	976	26	26	26	15	10	12	15	10	17
Goshen, -	556	16	8	19	3	4	4	10	3	8
Granby, -	971	26	7	12	3	6	4	21	13	16
Greenwich, -	824	15	12	10	10	3	4	23	9	14
Hadley, -	1814	52	51	54	-	13	11	26	32	36
Hatfield, -	933	20	37	24	4	4	3	19	18	15
Middlefield, -	1717	20	14	23	11	4	4	4	13	12
Northampton, -	3750	111	102	88	17	11	16	74	73	77
Norwich, -	750	20	-	17	1	-	3	7	-	14
Pelham, -	956	18	-	-	5	7	9	-	-	-
Plainfield, -	910	13	20	17	3	6	7	10	14	15
Prescott, -	780	7	13	21	7	6	4	10	14	12
South Hadley, -	1458	48	27	31	14	11	11	32	18	23
Southampton, -	1157	25	15	16	9	14	5	20	19	22
Ware, -	1890	62	64	86	30	22	31	-	31	-
Westhampton, -	759	17	16	11	1	1	4	22	5	16
Williamsburg, -	1309	27	26	21	4	4	5	25	21	26
Worthington, -	1197	39	25	37	5	6	15	11	28	12
Totals, -	30,897	676	610	645	209	188	222	439	440	442
HAMPDEN.										
Blandford, -	1427	24	32	33	11	9	7	17	9	22
Brimfield, -	1419	28	16	23	14	11	6	31	25	31
Chester, -	1632	30	29	26	9	6	15	11	11	-
Granville, -	1414	31	29	31	13	7	9	26	-	14
Holland, -	423	14	1	-	5	1	5	8	9	8
Longmeadow, -	1270	26	26	21	8	5	6	26	22	22
Ludlow, -	1268	19	-	15	14	12	6	26	28	21
Monson, -	2151	59	45	31	9	12	14	27	46	38
Montgomery, -	740	9	9	8	4	3	2	8	8	1
Palmer, -	2139	69	72	71	26	12	25	-	-	-
Russell, -	955	-	20	6	-	1	3	-	1	8
Southwick, -	1214	32	31	18	6	5	3	29	18	12
Springfield, -	10,985	417	509	535	78	95	105	269	267	331
Tolland, -	627	4	17	10	3	6	3	6	8	5
Wales, -	686	15	17	9	4	1	7	15	13	10
West Springfield, -	3626	-	-	-	12	16	26	33	25	33

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS—Continued.

COUNTIES AND TOWNS.	Population in 1840.	BIRTHS.			MARRIAGES.			DEATHS.		
		1846.	1847.	1848.	1846.	1847.	1848.	1846.	1847.	1848.
Westfield, - -	3526	96	100	89	21	14	15	64	47	61
Wilbraham, - -	1864	28	29	41	15	17	9	18	27	37
Totals, - -	37,366	901	982	967	252	233	266	614	564	654
FRANKLIN.										
Ashfield, - -	1610	18	25	19	8	4	12	32	16	23
Barnardston, - -	992	32	24	25	7	2	7	13	11	7
Buckland, - -	1084	23	26	18	8	5	6	12	16	13
Charlemont, - -	1127	19	28	23	10	8	7	15	15	10
Coleraine, - -	1971	29	52	41	11	8	8	23	28	20
Conway, - -	1409	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deerfield, - -	1912	54	43	61	8	8	6	20	30	32
Erving, - -	309	9	12	9	1	1	1	3	4	1
Gill, - -	798	23	16	16	4	7	5	7	9	5
Greenfield, - -	1756	-	-	-	13	9	14	-	-	-
Hawley, - -	977	25	15	4	6	8	3	8	12	3
Heath, - -	895	18	18	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
Leverett, - -	875	34	26	26	4	1	5	9	20	13
Leyden, - -	632	22	18	23	6	2	2	25	10	6
Monroe, - -	282	9	7	6	-	-	-	1	3	-
Montague, - -	1255	36	42	26	-	9	11	16	26	25
New Salem, - -	1305	28	18	33	13	9	8	18	12	12
Northfield, - -	1673	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Orange, - -	1501	48	43	36	13	15	10	27	31	25
Rowe, - -	703	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shelburne, - -	1022	27	26	29	12	11	5	19	17	20
Shutesbury, - -	987	17	-	-	9	9	4	1	-	-
Sunderland, - -	719	12	11	18	2	4	5	8	6	5
Warwick, - -	1071	10	20	31	8	6	2	11	20	21
Wendell, - -	875	4	4	7	3	4	5	15	4	16
Whately, - -	1072	26	27	17	5	11	11	12	18	25
Totals, - -	28,812	524	501	470	151	141	137	295	312	282
BERKSHIRE.										
Adams, - -	3703	114	115	-	8	16	-	45	64	-
Alford, - -	481	13	16	13	-	3	1	4	5	4
Becket, - -	1342	20	-	-	8	7	-	14	-	-
Boston Corner, - -	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cheshire, - -	985	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Clarksburg, - -	370	11	5	6	1	2	-	4	7	2
Dalton, - -	1255	43	26	33	2	1	4	-	-	11
Egremont, - -	1038	23	12	2	1	4	5	10	3	5
Florida, - -	441	7	12	9	2	-	2	3	2	3
Great Barrington, - -	2704	-	-	64	-	-	4	-	-	17
Hancock, - -	922	18	23	-	-	-	-	15	7	-
Hinsdale, - -	955	17	41	-	6	3	-	17	18	-
Lanesborough, - -	1140	21	27	24	-	1	1	20	26	26
Lee, - -	2428	26	32	48	10	11	11	32	60	45
Lenox, - -	1313	29	44	27	5	8	5	26	24	19
Monterey, - -	-	-	-	10	-	-	1	-	-	11

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS—Continued.

COUNTIES AND TOWNS.	Population in 1840.	BIRTHS.			MARRIAGES.			DEATHS.		
		1846.	1847.	1848.	1846.	1847.	1848.	1846.	1847.	1848.
Mount Washington, -	438	20	13	11	1	1	-	1	4	3
New Ashford, -	227	3	4	3	-	2	1	3	2	4
New Marlborough, -	1682	35	49	35	13	1	10	23	30	18
Otis, -	1177	-	20	19	-	4	7	-	12	11
Peru, -	576	12	13	13	3	2	5	15	5	4
Pittsfield, -	3747	108	140	-	7	8	-	76	105	81
Richmond, -	1097	20	24	-	6	1	1	15	15	6
Sandisfield, -	1464	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Savoy, -	915	5	3	26	4	4	7	5	9	2
Sheffield, -	2322	85	52	40	13	16	16	41	36	29
Stockbridge, -	1992	53	59	-	6	3	-	29	-	-
Tyringham, -	1477	-	2	-	-	5	1	-	5	4
Washington, -	991	20	21	-	2	2	-	10	3	-
West Stockbridge, -	1448	40	60	62	6	5	-	23	11	14
Williamstown, -	2153	51	48	-	3	2	4	22	14	37
Windsor, -	897	12	12	22	6	3	4	12	6	19
Totals, -	41,745	806	873	467	114	115	90	465	473	375
NORFOLK.										
Bellingham, -	1055	8	5	8	2	9	4	7	7	8
Braintree, -	2168	47	-	88	18	-	23	-	-	-
Brookline, -	1365	44	34	72	16	5	10	21	23	-
Canton, -	1995	11	13	69	21	14	11	26	52	44
Cohasset, -	1471	26	35	36	19	18	10	20	30	20
Dedham, -	3290	94	91	81	36	37	34	52	61	69
Dorchester, -	4875	186	227	261	49	46	53	93	130	185
Dover, -	520	8	3	11	8	4	7	5	6	17
Foxborough, -	1298	37	54	45	19	15	15	28	26	19
Franklin, -	1717	41	52	31	9	11	14	22	15	22
Medfield, -	883	16	16	19	5	4	7	18	12	14
Medway, -	2043	61	52	67	32	18	27	21	25	19
Milton, -	1822	52	47	54	11	14	10	25	28	23
Needham, -	1488	36	48	40	6	13	11	25	18	20
Quincy, -	3486	136	121	159	32	25	33	48	61	63
Randolph, -	3213	121	141	134	31	15	18	61	77	70
Roxbury, -	9089	440	447	533	98	84	96	-	236	373
Sharon, -	1076	16	23	21	7	7	8	12	17	15
Stoughton, -	2142	95	72	96	38	39	44	30	44	28
Walpole, -	1491	25	28	27	10	14	15	7	17	17
Weymouth, -	3738	140	137	162	36	37	44	64	48	71
Wrentham, -	2915	67	70	71	25	22	16	39	31	27
Totals, -	53,140	1707	1716	2085	528	451	510	624	964	1124
BRISTOL.										
Attleborough, -	3585	88	100	103	21	19	18	75	80	80
Berkley, -	886	19	35	17	7	3	-	15	32	16
Dartmouth, -	4135	108	69	84	28	30	38	-	-	-
Dighton, -	1378	40	46	45	9	15	12	17	17	14
Easton, -	2074	56	59	57	8	19	13	25	31	28
Fairhaven, -	3951	-	-	-	29	27	-	52	23	-

BIRTHS, &c. FOR THREE YEARS.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS—Continued.

COUNTIES AND TOWNS.	Population in 1840.	BIRTHS.			MARRIAGES.			DEATHS.		
		1846.	1847.	1848.	1846.	1847.	1848.	1846.	1847.	1848.
Fall River, -	6738	393	401	363	82	92	98	110	196	199
Freetown, -	1772	24	18	26	8	12	6	24	16	28
Mansfield, -	1382	31	34	38	16	32	19	21	35	31
New Bedford, -	12,087	477	418	421	151	140	159	249	189	277
Norton, -	1545	45	29	28	8	7	10	4	3	3
Pawtucket, -	2184	127	140	112	16	9	13	16	29	68
Raynham, -	1329	2	46	37	9	8	15	10	21	31
Rehoboth, -	2169	45	50	45	15	8	8	38	30	35
Seekonk, -	1996	-	53	-	-	13	-	-	-	-
Somerset, -	1005	26	24	22	6	11	2	20	21	14
Swansey, -	1484	37	34	20	11	9	10	21	18	29
Taunton, -	7645	244	295	321	60	58	54	55	81	90
Westport, -	2820	50	52	61	15	20	13	27	49	25
Totals, -	60,165	1812	1903	1800	499	532	488	779	871	968
PLYMOUTH.										
Abington, -	3214	-	91	-	-	43	-	-	65	-
Bridgewater, -	2131	57	50	52	12	12	19	27	36	20
Carver, -	995	21	13	27	8	2	1	-	-	-
Duxbury, -	2798	-	-	-	8	10	14	-	-	-
East Bridgewater, -	1950	49	25	82	25	17	9	26	24	18
Halifax, -	734	27	27	27	6	6	6	13	20	10
Hanover, -	1488	18	30	28	12	11	11	17	14	27
Hanson, -	1040	15	27	11	3	17	13	13	17	12
Hingham, -	3564	87	84	74	20	29	42	44	60	42
Hull, -	231	3	1	3	1	-	2	1	-	1
Kingston, -	1440	31	38	45	11	19	12	15	13	17
Marshfield, -	1761	45	38	38	10	13	10	25	24	23
Middleborough, -	5085	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Bridgewater, -	2616	91	82	77	21	29	23	44	46	32
Pembroke, -	1258	31	27	28	3	10	7	21	15	18
Plymouth, -	5281	164	167	-	42	46	-	67	96	-
Plympton, -	834	19	23	21	11	17	13	12	17	23
Rochester, -	3864	112	106	83	-	29	27	48	82	56
Scituate, -	3886	85	89	62	21	20	26	43	48	52
Wareham, -	2002	75	85	40	29	24	24	32	38	27
West Bridgewater, -	1201	36	37	46	11	6	3	14	23	21
Totals, -	47,373	966	1040	744	254	360	262	462	638	399
BARNSTABLE.										
Barnstable, -	4301	20	21	9	42	29	25	43	57	35
Brewster, -	1522	43	37	36	15	18	16	12	26	18
Chatham, -	2334	65	58	66	24	31	24	28	37	43
Dennis, -	2942	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastham, -	955	7	17	15	10	9	8	10	9	16
Falmouth, -	2589	56	47	52	19	13	11	25	48	33
Harwich, -	2930	111	108	109	20	27	34	32	49	49
Marshpee, -	309	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Orleans, -	1974	39	26	39	14	20	34	31	44	28
Provincetown, -	2122	73	90	77	19	27	23	28	71	53

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS—*Continued.*

COUNTIES AND TOWNS.	Population in 1840.	BIRTHS.			MARRIAGES.			DEATHS.		
		1846.	1847.	1848.	1846.	1847.	1848.	1846.	1847.	1848.
Sandwich, - -	3719	101	104	101	21	14	20	44	55	97
Truro, - -	1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wellfleet, - -	2377	65	47	-	16	13	-	15	9	-
Yarmouth, - -	2554	67	74	56	20	16	23	35	46	38
Totals, - -	32,548	647	629	560	220	217	218	303	451	410
DUKES.										
Chilmark, - -	702	13	13	13	8	9	4	4	5	7
Edgartown, - -	1736	53	36	32	8	18	13	27	18	19
Tisbury, - -	1520	13	46	47	9	7	16	25	22	37
Totals, - -	3958	79	95	92	25	34	33	56	45	63
NANTUCKET.										
Nantucket, - -	9012	222	220	195	84	57	82	154	174	178

RECAPITULATION.

COUNTIES.	Population in 1840.	BIRTHS.			MARRIAGES.			DEATHS.		
		1846.	1847.	1848.	1846.	1847.	1848.	1846.	1847.	1848.
Suffolk,	95,773	134	180	193	29	40	25	30	98	110
Essex,	94,987	2527	2486	2469	908	802	866	1673	1909	1743
Middlesex,	106,611	3011	3171	3284	1119	1386	1316	1722	2243	2546
Worcester,	95,313	2474	2691	2544	871	834	772	1734	1881	2052
Hampshire,	30,897	676	610	645	209	168	222	439	440	442
Hampden,	37,366	901	982	967	252	233	266	614	564	654
Franklin,	28,812	524	501	470	151	141	137	295	312	282
Berkshire,	41,745	806	873	467	114	115	90	465	478	375
Norfolk,	53,140	1707	1716	2085	528	451	510	624	964	1124
Bristol,	60,165	1812	1903	1800	499	532	488	779	871	968
Plymouth,	47,373	966	1040	744	254	360	262	462	638	399
Barnstable,	32,548	647	629	560	220	217	218	303	451	410
Dukes,	3,958	79	95	92	25	34	33	56	45	63
Nantucket,	9,012	222	220	195	84	57	82	154	174	178
Totals,	737,700	16,486	17,097	16,515	5263	5390	5287	9350	11,063	11,346
Total, after deducting Suffolk Co.,	641,927	16,352	16,917	16,322	5234	5350	5262	9320	10,965	11,236

NOTES.

SOME of the returns were accompanied with remarks by the town clerks. From these, the following notes have been compiled, with a view to show the condition of registration through the State, the practical operation of existing laws on the subject, and the views of the town clerks in regard to amendments.

SUFFOLK COUNTY.

CHELSEA.—Deaths. Forty-seven of the number returned occurred at the Marine Hospital.

NO RETURN of births, marriages and deaths from *Boston*; and of deaths from *North Chelsea*.

ESSEX COUNTY.

AMESBURY.—Births. "This return includes a larger number of births, I believe, than has ever before been recorded in any one year, in this town, and is nearly correct."

GEORGETOWN.—"It will be perceived that the number of *births* are much smaller, and the number of *deaths* larger, than the previous year, but they are nevertheless believed to be substantially correct. You will also notice that a few *deaths* are included, which should have been returned the last year, but which was rendered impracticable, owing to the neglect of the person whose duty it was to make returns to the clerk." Number of births in return, 39,—one birth (*Feb. 15, 1847*) stricken out, which makes the number 38, as in the printed table.

HAMILTON.—Births. Number in return, 24,—twins were counted as but *one*,—the whole number, therefore, as in printed table, 25.

HAVERHILL.—"I think the return is correct, with the exception of deaths, the whole number the past year, I think, is nearly four times the number returned, the number returned is from one section of the town only. I have the promise of a correct return the present year."

LAWRENCE.—Births. "Among the number of births above returned, you will perceive some dates back of May 1st, 1847, owing to the fact, that the town was incorporated at so late a day, that we could furnish no returns, and also not in the power of either Andover or Methuen, to return them. I presume these comprise nearly, or quite, all the births that were obtainable, but not all that have

taken place in the town, as nearly one thousand Irish have left the place since Jan. 1, 1848, and they are the most prolific in any community. The school committee have shown a commendable zeal in making their return to me, and, I have no doubt, have done all in their power to conform to the law, in this respect." Two births, previous to May 1st, 1847, stricken out."—*Marriages*. "This return, I believe, comprises nearly, or quite, all of the marriages that have been solemnized, during the year. I have endeavored to impress upon the minds of the different clergymen, the necessity of making these returns, and they have cheerfully responded to the call. There have been but a small proportion of the persons published here, that have been married here. I have published 93, since the organization of the town."—*Deaths*. "This return I believe to be almost perfect, as to containing a complete list, or nearly so, of all the deaths that have occurred in this town the past year. The sexton has faithfully performed his duty. And I trust it may ever continue to be so with all the officers of this town, whose duty it may be to make returns of any kind. We are young, but growing, as you will perceive, by the return of births."

LYNN.—*Births*. Whole number of births in return, 264,—2 anterior and 2 posterior to time specified for returns, stricken out,—which leaves 259 as in printed table.

MARBLEHEAD.—*Births*. Whole number in return, 185,—40 anterior to time specified for return,—stricken out,—which leaves 145, as in printed table.

NEWBURY.—"I regret that the returns are not more correct, but, owing to severe sickness, I have not been able to attend to the collecting or making up the returns, but have been dependent on others. I think the number of deaths must have been at least one hundred, but the sextons have not attended to their duties."

SALEM.—*Births*. "So far as ascertained."

WEST NEWBURY.—*Births*. "As returned by the school committee."

No RETURN of births from *Andover*,—of births, marriages or deaths, from *Beverly* and *Wenham*.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

ACTON.—"I have not received any returns for births nor deaths."

ASHLAND.—*Births*. "The report is as presented by the superintending school committee. In the column headed '*Residence of Parents*,' may be found some items, perhaps not in accordance with the statute, but in accordance with the judgment of the committee; some ambiguity attaches to the subject; for instance; a child is born in A —; during the year, the parents remove to B —, a hundred miles distant. The fact of this birth does not come to the knowledge of the committee in A —. The committee in B —, in the discharge of their duty, learn the facts in the case;—where shall the birth be recorded? — and what is to be understood by the heading—*Residence of Parents*? An answer to these queries, will confer a favor upon some doubting minds, and very much oblige." The heading to their return is "The number of births in the town of *Ashland*," and yet births in the towns of Southborough, Brighton, Marlborough and Holliston! were returned,—which have been stricken out, leaving the num-

ber of births in Ashland, 36, instead of 40. The committee in A—— make return of a birth,—if, during the year, the parents remove to B——, the committee so state in their return.

BILLERICA.—Births. Whole number in return, 28, should be 29.

BOXBOROUGH.—Births. "There has been no return of the births by the school committee, to the town clerk this year."

BRIGHTON.—Births. In the Ashland return,—No. 24, registered June 6, 1848, is the name of *Andrew Norton*, date of births *January 13, 1848*,—name and surname of parents,—— Norton,—occupation of father,—laborer,—residence of parents,—"*child born in Brighton*,—removed to Ashland April, 1848."—In Brighton return, No. 282,—*Abby*,—date of birth, *January 13, 1848*, name and surname of parents, John and Bridget Norton,—occupation of father, laborer (?)

CAMBRIDGE.—Births. "More nearly correct, as to the number, than former returns."—**Marriages.** "The foregoing list contains all the marriages returned to this office; but it is very imperfect; more than twice this number of Cambridge inhabitants, here represented, have been published, and probably married, during the year."

CHARLESTOWN.—Marriages. "The above return contains all the marriages solemnized in this city, that have been returned to the city clerk, by the proper solemnizing officers. There are a number of clergymen in this city, who have not made any return of marriages solemnized by them, subsequent to May 1, 1847."

CHELMSFORD.—Births. Whole number 56, instead of 55.—**Deaths.** "This return is very imperfect, but it is the best I could make from the materials furnished me by the sextons. I have added to their return, such particulars, as my own personal knowledge could supply."

CONCORD.—Births. "The school committee have made no return of the births in Concord, the last year, and consequently the record is a blank. I shall obtain, so far as I can, information from the physicians of the town, and hope soon to be able to make a return of the births obtained from that source."

DUNSTABLE.—Marriages "There are but few marriages in this town, for the town is situated so near New Hampshire, that considerable part avail themselves of the New Hampshire law, and go to Nashua to get married, I suppose to save the publishing fees."—**Deaths.** "The sexton is faithful in his duty, and makes very full and correct returns, but, either owing to this being a very healthy town, or having a very skilful physician, there were but few deaths in town the last year."

FRAMINGHAM.—Births. "The foregoing record, I have made as it was handed to me, by the assessors, who were employed by the school committee."—**Marriages.** "A considerable number of Catholics have been married, of which I have had no return, and I think there are a few others that have not been returned."—**Deaths.** "The sextons have not all made returns."

HOLLISTON.—Births. "I think this return is nearly, if not quite, complete, so far as concerns Holliston proper. There were several births, it is supposed, among the foreigners engaged in constructing the railroad; here, all of these are omitted. The person who took the record of births through the town, said *he could not ascertain them*. The payment made for taking the record of births, is not half large enough. It will never be taken accurately and uniformly, till the pay is increased

to 10 or 15cts. each at least." One birth added,—stricken from Ashland return, making the whole number 50.—*Marriages*. "The above embraces all the returns I have received, but do not think it embraces all the marriages solemnized. It is quite difficult to furnish correct returns of marriages."—*Deaths*. "This return, I have no doubt, is correct, so far as concerns *Holliston proper*, there are 2 or 3 herein returned, which do not contain all the facts required by law,—some 2 to 5 deaths occurred among the laborers on the railroad, not reported. I have spent two days or more, in collecting some of the deaths herein reported. The pay is too small for the service required."

LINCOLN.—*Births*. "I believe there have been fifteen or more births in the town, during the year, but the school committee have made me no return, and I can only return the number, without the items, according to the best of my knowledge in the case."—*Deaths*. "Our sexton refuses to return the deaths which occurred in the town, during the year, giving, as a *reason*, the selectmen would not pay him for said service last year, so you can readily perceive that my return is necessarily very imperfect."

LITTLETON.—*Births*. "No returns have been made into the clerk's office."

LOWELL.—*Births*. One birth, *March 26, 1847*, stricken out,—whole number 717.

MALDEN.—*Births*. Five births anterior to date specified for return, to be made, stricken out, making the whole number, 53.

MARLBOROUGH.—*Births*. "Which is all the school committee have returned, probably about one half of the births which have taken place." 2 births before the time specified for return to be made, stricken out, and one added,—stricken from Ashland return,—making the whole number, 20.

NATICK.—"I herewith forward the annual return of births, marriages and deaths, which have occurred in this town, during the year ending May 1, 1848, and am happy to say, with a greater proximity to correctness, than have been made in any preceding year; but still, not so correct as could be desired. It is due, however, to the present school committee, to say, that they have discharged their duty faithfully, and returned the births promptly, and with great accuracy; so, with regard to the marriages, nearly all that have taken place in this town, have been recorded. The publications have far exceeded the marriages, many of the latter have taken place out of the Commonwealth, and some of the number are Roman Catholics, none of which are ever returned to the town clerk. The deaths are more imperfect; some few have not been returned by the sextons. I find more difficulty in the marriages, than could be desired. Applications for publications are often made by letter, sometimes by friends who do not know the place of birth, the names of parents, nor the residence of fathers; if these data be requisite, it would seem that the blanks furnished by the Commonwealth, for the certificate of publications, should conform to the record to be made, and then, at the solemnization of the marriage, the blanks might be filled, if the officiating clergyman had brass enough to ask the requisite questions of the parties to be joined in wedlock."

READING.—*Births*. One birth, after the time specified for return to be made, stricken out, whole number, 84.

SOUTH READING.—*Marriages*. "This return does not embrace all the marriages that have been solemnized in the town, during the year, as one clergyman has made no return."

STOW.—"There has not been any births or deaths recorded in this town the last year."

TYNGSBOROUGH.—Deaths. "I am well aware that I have delayed sending this return, till I have trespassed, but I trust I shall be excused, when I inform you that I have obtained the matter contained in this sheet, by dint of going to and fro on the earth; not a single return has been made to me this year; as yet I have waited for the return of births due from our school committee, in hope of returning them together, but I have not received the return of *births* yet; when I do, it shall be forthcoming. No *Marriages* in Tyngsborough, the past year; all that have been married, that belong to Tyngsborough, have chosen to have the ceremony performed elsewhere."

WATERTOWN.—Births. Whole number in return, 78,—should be 76.—*Deaths.* "The sexton has made no return to me."

WESTFORD.—Births. Whole number in return, 37,—should be 36.—*Deaths.* "The above contains all the deaths returned to the town clerk, probably less than one half of the whole number in town." No *RETURNS* of births from *Concord*, and *Woburn*; of marriages from *Tyngsborough*; of births and deaths, from *Acton*, and *Stow*; of births, marriages and deaths, from *Somerville*.

WORCESTER COUNTY.

ATHOL.—Deaths "No returns have been made to this office, pursuant to the law; I cannot therefore make the return in regard to them, but will state generally that the number of deaths that occurred, during that period, was about thirty."

AUBURN.—Births. Whole number, 9, instead of 10.—*Deaths.* "The above is as perfect a return, as I am able to make from the information obtained by the sexton."

BOYLSTON.—Births. "I regret, that, in consequence of the failure of the school committee, in the duty required of them by law, in ascertaining and making a return to me, of the births which have taken place in this town, during the past year, I am unable to make any return of births this year; and I regret it the more, as my records and returns have been full and accurate, till the present time. I did not receive the blanks, until after the time (1st of May) our assessors usually make their circuit; otherwise, an arrangement might have been made with them. There was ample time, however, for the school committee to have performed the duty, if they had been so disposed. I felt it to be a matter of justice to myself, to state these facts, and they are at your disposal."

BROOKFIELD.—Deaths. "This return is, as you will see, very imperfect; we have no regularly chosen or appointed sexton; therefore, the returns are not made as they should be. This return was made according to the best knowledge of the clerk."

HARVARD.—Deaths. "The above is as full and correct a report, as could well be obtained."

HOLDEN.—Births. "The number of births is supposed to be correct, but we have a floating population of Irish and French, that stop but a short time, and are off, so that it is impossible to make a complete return."

LEICESTER.—Births. Return not signed by the town clerk.

LEOMINSTER.—Births. "The above return is complete, I believe, with the exception of the names of some children, who are not yet named, and of two whose parents removed from town, soon after the date of birth."

MILLBURY.—Marriages. "There have been thirty-nine publishments, and as many certificates issued, and but twelve marriages returned, as many of the number were foreigners, and married by the Catholic priest, at Worcester, the clerk's return of that place should show more marriages than publishments, if the returns are agreeable to the law. The births and deaths, I believe, are correct."

NORTHBOROUGH.—Births. "But one of the school committee (of which there are five) has made any return; the actual amount of births in this town, is probably three times as many as are given here. I would suggest the propriety of altering the law, so as to make it the duty of the assessors to collect the information. I know the school committee can authorize them to do it, but have found, by experience, that the assessors are unwilling to do it; if the law made it a part of their duty, there would probably be no trouble."

SOUTHBIDGE.—"The returns are not complete, and I could not make them so, as I had to make them from the registration of the former town clerk. The school committee take very little trouble in ascertaining the births, by personal attention, or by authorizing others. If school committees, generally, do not take more interest in the matter than they do in this town, I think there should be a more effectual way provided."

STURBRIDGE.—Births. "I have been urging the school committee to make the return seasonably. They have not done it till this time."

SUTTON.—Marriages. "The clergymen are very negligent in making returns of marriages, according to the laws of Massachusetts. I presume there are some marriages, that never are returned to the clerk of the town where they are solemnized."

TEMPLETON.—Births. "The return is as complete as could be made from the returns made to me, but does not include all the births in the town."—*Deaths.* "This return includes all, or nearly all, the deaths in the town, during the year."

WEBSTER.—Deaths. "Although blank returns were placed in the hands of the sextons, yet the records of deaths are very imperfect. I find more difficulty in obtaining correct information for these returns,—than for either of the others."

WEST BOYLSTON.—Births. "I have endeavored to return as perfect a list as possible, agreeable to law; there are three births where the sex is not specified, and, in these cases, I believe the parents were foreigners, who have since removed out of town, and that fact could not be easily ascertained, as our physicians forgot to make a record of the sex, at the time of birth."

WESTMINSTER.—Births. "The number of births, in the town of Westminster, during the year next preceding May 1, 1848, was 72," and in the column of 'Date of Birth,' is one each, in the years 1832, 1834, 1836, 1837, 1839 and 1840, —two in 1842, 1843,—44 in 1846, and 14 previous to May 1, 1847,—leaving but four born within the time in which the town clerk was to make return.

No RETURNS of births from *Oxford*, of births, marriages and deaths from *Dana*, *Phillipston* and *Upton*.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.

AMHERST.—Births. One birth, after May 1, 1848, stricken out, making the whole number 70.

BELCHERTOWN.—Births. "The above is an imperfect return of births, as the names of those returned were taken from the minutes of one of our physicians."

—Deaths. "The above does not embrace all the deaths in this town, as I have had no return from the sextons, and there is no inducement for town clerks to labor to make a full return, as their compensation is merely nominal, and, having no returns made to them, either from the school committee, or sextons, it is impossible, unless they make an entire circuit of the town, to make a full and complete return."

CHESTERFIELD.—Births. One in each of the years 1837, 1842, 1843, 1846, and two in 1847, previous to May 1st, stricken out, making the whole number 22.

EASTHAMPTON.—Births. "No return has been made to me by the school committee, either this year or last. I let them have a set of blanks to make returns to me, and as they have not returned them, up to this day, I think that they may be blanks yet. I think that the return of births should be made by physicians, or be collected by the clerk himself. The school committee is not any body; one of the committee may do his duty, and the others neglect it, and your return is not worth any thing."—**Marriages.** "The number of marriages returned is small, the clergymen in this town have been prompt in making return of marriages; some go out of the State from this town every year."—**Deaths.** "We have no sextons in this town; I have obtained the information of physicians and others, and kept a record; it is probably correct."

ENFIELD.—"The above are all the *deaths* which have occurred within the limits of this town, during the specified year, and the record, so far as it goes, is, I believe, correct. The number of *marriages*, I believe to be correct, for our clergy have been very prompt to make their returns very nearly as the law directs, and their reason for so doing may be in some measure accounted for; the pay for their services tells, compared to the pay of the other officers who have to do in the matter. The births are, for the most part, correct; the number, so far as ascertained, is correct, or, at the least, nearer the truth than it will likely to be, unless our legislature can, in their generosity, afford to pass an act, to pay one officer of the town, to collect and make returns to the clerk, in such a manner, that he can send them forward, with that degree of accuracy, that may be depended upon; for, until an adequate compensation can be paid, you cannot get accurate and full returns. Who will or can find any fault with a school committee, for not ascertaining the births, in any of our inland towns, of one or two thousand inhabitants. Take this town, for an example, of one thousand inhabitants, with from 20 to 30 births in the year, which has taken two days to get the information required by the statutes, and you will perceive that it affords the enormous sum of seventy cents per day, for self-expenses of living, and pay for horse-hire (which, by the way, will not be less than \$1 50). If this good old State of Massachusetts, which is looked up to as an example of *generous salaries*, can require of her generous-hearted yeomanry, to do such fatiguing duties, and ascertain such desired statistics, for the benefit of her citizens, and refuse to pay them a fair compensation for their labors,

they must not be disappointed, if, instead of their doing those duties required, they will soon wholly neglect them; for five cents a birth will not pay a committee sufficient to purchase them a dinner of water *gruel*."

GOSHEN.—"I have given you a perfect list of all *births, marriages and deaths*, that have occurred in this town, within the time specified."

GREENWICH.—*Births*. "The above is a correct list of births, in this town, within the time specified, i. e., from the first of May, 1847, to the 1st of May, 1848, according to the record of my predecessor, and the best information I could obtain elsewhere."—*Marriages*. "The above comprises a list of persons married in our town, from May 1st, 1847, to May 1st, 1848, according to the best information I could obtain, yet the list is very imperfect, owing probably to the carelessness or negligence of those who made out the certificates; they not giving dates, &c., so as to fill out the list as the law requires. But I will do what I can, to have the returns in better shape, another year."

HATFIELD.—*Births*. Four births since May 1, 1848,—stricken from return,—leaving the whole number, 24.

NORTHAMPTON.—*Births*. Return, 87, should be 88.

NORWICH.—*Deaths*. "The above, I believe to be correct, so far as the record is full; I have taken considerable trouble to get the returns in, and it is the first time the deaths have been returned to the clerk, since the present law was enacted; this is the cause of its being rather late."

PELHAM.—"There has been no return of *births and deaths* made to me. But there has been probably 15 births, and 12 or 13 deaths."

PRESCOTT.—*Births*. "The above is a true transcript from the record I have kept, and contains the exact number of births that have occurred in this town the year ending April 30th last, as I have ascertained by personal inquiry, in traversing the length and breadth of the town, up hill and down, through snow and mud, (it mostly being accomplished in the month of March,) the school committee having previously refused to give the least aid, (although furnished with blanks, and frequently solicited so to do;) and hence the whole burthen fell on the clerk, or else subject himself to a penalty of ten dollars. Cannot our wise legislators, in their long sessions, make some alterations in the law, that shall more equalize the labor to be performed in collecting all the facts necessary to render the registration law complete?"—*Marriages*. "One other gentleman and lady from this town, took a ride into N. H., and returned 'one flesh,' as they say, that is, man and wife. Query. Ought not the laws of this Commonwealth to make it compulsory on the parties thus united in marriage, to furnish some evidence of their union, from the magistrate or clergyman, who officiates at such ceremony, to the town clerk of the town where the parties belong, that it may be recorded with the other marriages that take place?"—*Deaths*. "The above is a correct list of all the deaths that have occurred in this town, for the year ending April 30th, 1848, with the condition, age, occupation, &c., of each, as returned to me by the several sextons in town, who have performed their duty very cheerfully and with correctness, (where all the facts could be ascertained in the several inquiries,) except making their returns monthly, as required by the fourth section of the act."

SOUTH HADLEY.—*Births*. "The above is a list of births in South Hadley, as returned by the school committee. I believe it to be full and correct."

WARE.—*Deaths*. "No return of deaths in town the past year made to me."

WESTHAMPTON.—*Marriages*. "My vocabulary is not extensive enough to express, in a single word, the 'occupation' of *unmarried young ladies*. Can't do better than set it down—*preparation for matrimony*."

No RETURN of births from *Cumington*, and of births and deaths from *Pelham*.

HAMPDEN COUNTY.

BLANDFORD.—*Births*. "The above is a correct list of the births, as returned to me by the school committee."—*Deaths*. "The above list I have obtained from our clergyman, and think it very near correct."—*Marriages*. "The above marriages are all that have been returned to me, but probable not all that have been married in our town."

BRIMFIELD.—"If we could have the blanks, previous to the 1st of May, the assessors could collect the births, but as they do not, the school committee collect them at their leisure."

GRANVILLE.—*Births*. "Whole number should be 31, instead of 29, as in return."

HOLLAND.—*Births*. "There has not been any return of births made to me, for the past year; whether any have occurred or not, I have not been informed."

LUDLOW.—*Births*. "I have not received any return from the school committee, of births, for the past year. I received these fourteen, from the journal of Dr. W. B. Alden."

MONTGOMERY.—*Marriages*. "There has been several others married within the year, residents of this town, but were married in other places."

PALMER.—*Births*. Whole number, 71, instead of 72, as in return.

WEST SPRINGFIELD.—"I herewith transmit what I have, of returns required by law, to be made to the secretary, in the month of June, annually. You will see, at a glance, that they are very imperfect. I will state some of the reasons. The town school committee have neglected to make any report whatever, of the births in town, and, of course, none is forwarded. The committee are unwilling to attend to the duty, at least, for the compensation allowed by law, and the town have taken no other measures to obtain the requisite facts. The return of *marriages* is likewise deficient, from the fact, that clergymen, or others, who may officiate at marriages, consider the matter of obtaining the information required by law, from the parties themselves, at the time of marriage, as of a very delicate nature, and will not attend to it. I think the hint given in your circular of April 12, with regard to town clerks attending to the facts required by law, will receive attention when practicable. There are but few cases in town, where any *particular person* has charge of burial grounds, so that no person is lawfully *obliged* to make return of the deaths in town; most of those which I have obtained, were given me by the kindness of clergymen, who attended at the funerals, by which most of the deaths can be determined, but without the necessary facts required by law."

WESTFIELD.—*Marriages*. "The above are not all the marriages that have been solemnized here, but all that have been returned to me."

No RETURN of deaths from *Chester* and *Palmer*.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

ASHFIELD.—*Deaths*. "The foregoing is a true copy of town record, as furnished by Jonathan Lilly, sexton."

BERNARDSTON.—*Births*. "The above was prepared by Dr. E. W. Carpenter, who has very commendably performed the same service for some years past, and I believe is as nearly *perfect* as can be."

ERVING.—*Deaths*. "*All that have been returned*" (one).

GREENFIELD.—"The *births* and *deaths* are not returned to the town clerk, and have never been since the law was enacted."

HAWLEY.—*Births*. "Above is the copy of record, and you will perceive that there are eight recorded, that were born in 1846, which accounts for 10, in the heading, and 18 in the number column. I was not clerk for 1847, and have copied as they stand on the register." But 4, in fact, should have been returned.—for there were 8 births in 1846,—and 6 previous to May 1, 1847.

MONROE.—*Marriages*. "In looking over the records, I find that the last marriage which was solemnized in Monroe, was in 1840, and, in all probability, there will be few, if any, as long as the present law is in existence, requiring people to be published before marriage. The records of the towns of Stanford, Readsborough, and Whitingham, in Vermont, will have to be looked after, in order to know who, and how many, have been joined in the bands of matrimony, for eight years past. People in this town have got an idea, they can be equally as well married in Vermont, as in Massachusetts, and be spared the mortification of being posted before they are joined."—*Deaths*. "I am happy to state that there has not been a death in the town of Monroe the past year."

ORANGE.—*Deaths*. "The record of deaths for the past year, is rather more imperfect than it should be. I return such as is left by my predecessor. The fault probably is with the sextons, in not making their monthly returns, which will account for the irregularity in dates."

WARWICK.—*Births*. "Above you have all the births that have taken place in town, during the year next preceding May 1, 1848. Rev. R. C. Hatch, one of our school committee, and myself, have taken the utmost pains to procure a perfect return to your office, and I believe we have been successful in getting the above complete."—*Marriages*. "Above are all the marriages that have been returned to me the past year. Many others have taken place among those that reside in town, but it so happened, that it was not convenient to perform the ceremonies in the town."—*Deaths*. "Above is a perfect and complete return of all deaths that have taken place in this town the past year, up to May 1, 1848."

NO RETURNS of births, marriages and deaths, from *Conway, Heath, Northfield, and Rowe*; of births and deaths, from *Greenfield* and *Shutesbury*.

BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

ALFORD.—*Deaths*. "This return is incomplete, owing to the fact, that the town has not chosen a sexton, and I have had to gather the above myself."

EGREMONT.—*Births*. "The above is all the births returned during the year ending as above, on account of the negligence of the school committee, and, knowing their duty, have neglected to perform it."

FLORIDA.—Deaths. "The number of deaths stated, is correct ; the other particulars required by law I am unable to state, as there have been no returns made to me."

GREAT BARRINGTON.—Births. One birth since May 1, 1848, and one in *Greenfield*, stricken out,—whole number 64, instead of 66. "Herewith I forward returns of births, marriages and deaths, for this town, for the year ending April 30, 1848. My apology for not having forwarded them within the time prescribed, is in the fact, that a large proportion were not made to me in season, to enable me to do so ; of the *births*, a good share were not returned until the 8th inst. This is the first return of births, which has been made from this town for some years at least. I believe it is full, in respect to numbers, but quite imperfect in detail, as you may see. In regard to *deaths*, the return, I am satisfied, is incomplete, as respects the number, as well as imperfect in other respects. The obstacle to perfect returns of deaths, is in the fact, that we have five different burial places, three of which, at least, are without regular sextons. This year, I give to each of our five clergymen, a blank form of return, for deaths, to be filled by them, as occasion may require, and returned to this office, in May, 1849. I hope, another year, our returns will not only be seasonably, but, in all respects, satisfactorily made."

LANESBOROUGH.—Births. "Several transient Irish laborers have had children during the time specified above, but names and dates cannot now be ascertained." Whole number in return, "about thirty," but 24, however, are mentioned for a certainty.—**Marriages.** "The custom here is, to go into the State of New York, to get married."

MOUNT WASHINGTON.—Births. Return not signed by town clerk.

NEW ASHFORD.—Births. "By personal application only, I am enabled to get the information required by law."

NEW MARLBOROUGH.—Marriages. "The deficiency in this return, is owing to the fact, that those who solemnize marriages, do not return to the clerk all the particulars required by law. I think if we had blanks, for marriage certificates, and also to place in the hands of sextons, it would enable us to make full returns."

—**Deaths.** "The above embraces all the particulars respecting deaths, which have been reported to me. During the past year we have had no authorized persons to take the charge of burial places ; we now have, and hope our next return may be more full and accurate."

OTIS.—Deaths. "The above return is very incomplete ; not a single sexton has done his duty in returning the deaths that have occurred in the town. I have gathered the information above from inquiry, which will account for the incompleteness of the return."

RICHMOND.—Births. "Through misunderstanding in the school committee, or assessors, no returns of births have been made. I have waited till my time has expired, and now must return you this blank, with only this explanation."—**Marriages.** "You may think strange that a town like this should have but one marriage in the course of the year, as would appear from the record ; but this is not the case : there have been a number of marriages, of persons belonging to this town, which have been consummated out of the State, which have not been returned to this office ; and, if returned, I should not feel authorized to return to

you.”—*Deaths*. “There has been no return of deaths made to this office ; what I have, I gathered, as opportunity offered, and it would seem as if some more efficient method should be had, to secure a full and punctual return to your office, to answer the designs of the law.”

TYRINGHAM.—*Births*. Return is made of 5, *not one is in the time specified*.

WEST STOCKBRIDGE.—“I enclose returns of births and deaths in West Stockbridge ; during the last year, no return of marriages has been made to me. I suppose the number of deaths in town, the past year, is more than double the number I have returned. The births are probably nearly correct.”

WINDSOR.—*Births*. Whole number 23, instead of 22.

No RETURNS of births, marriages and deaths, from *Adams, Becket, Boston Corner, Cheshire, Hancock, Hinsdale, Sandisfield, Stockbridge and Washington* ; of marriages from *Clarksburg and West Stockbridge* ; of births from *Williamstown* ; of births and marriages from *Pittsfield*.

NORFOLK COUNTY.

BELLINGHAM.—*Births*. “The return of births is very incomplete ; the school committee do not think it best to trouble themselves with such business, and the blanks were not forwarded to me in season, for the assessors to number the births ; therefore, I return what I can, with such information as I have.”—*Marriages*. “You will perceive that the number of marriages is very small ; the reason is, that we were destitute of a settled minister last season, until Oct., and those wishing to be married, went out of town, and they are not recorded here. I believe there were about twenty publishments, during the year preceding May 1, 1848.”—*Deaths*. “I would say that the return is far from what I could wish, but the sextons think it not best to comply with law, as it now is ; say there is no penalty, providing they do not conform to it ; that there is some trouble, and that the pay is not sufficient ; therefore, I have obtained the best information I could ; there have been many other deaths, which I have not obtained.”

BROOKLINE.—*Births*. “The foregoing list comprises the births in the town of Brookline, during the year next preceding the 1st May, 1848. It is supposed to be correct, as it was taken by actual inquiry, made at each house in the town.”—*Marriages*. “Five, which occurred the preceding year, and were not returned to the town clerk in season for last year’s return,” included in this, and have been stricken out, leaving 10 as the whole number.—*Deaths*. “In relation to *deaths*, I have made no return, as I have been unable to obtain from the sexton, a list—but if I can get such information,—at a later period, as will enable me to make a return, with any degree of accuracy, I shall do so.”

COHASSET.—*Deaths*. “As we have no superintendent of burials, and every one procures whom he pleases, whether he be sexton of either parish or not, it is with some trouble that I can obtain the exact age, and true cause of death, but I think the above statements, as far as put down, are correct. I have put down the names of the parents, as far as known, but, as you will perceive, by the age of some of the deceased, some of them have been dead a great many years. Is it necessary to put down the names of those parents, or merely to state they are not living ?”

DEDHAM.—Births. "One, May 6, 1848, stricken out,—leaving the whole number 81.

DORCHESTER.—Births. Whole number 261, instead of 262, as in the heading of Return.

MEDWAY.—Births. "One of the school committee did not return the day of the month in all instances." One birth in May, 1848, stricken out, leaving the whole number 67.—**Marriages.** "Rev. Dr. Ide's parish includes a portion of the town of Franklin. One or two instances occur, where both parties belong to Franklin. I have returned them as they were returned to me."—**Deaths.** "Sextons neglect their duty. Many of the above, I have collected myself."

RANDOLPH.—Marriages. "The publishments, during the term of time contained in this return, were *sixty-one*. It is very probable that this return contains all the marriages solemnized within the town, during the aforesaid period. We have a heavy Irish population, who are very willing to get published, but I have never had one of them returned for record, unless they were solemnized by some protestant."

ROXBURY.—Marriages. "In relation to the returns of 'births, marriages and deaths,' which are required by law to be made at your office, I have endeavored to comply, and have taken pains to have them correct. The *births* are obtained by persons employed to call at every house in the city, and the *deaths* are returned regularly, by the several undertakers. The marriages are returned in most cases, agreeably to the laws of the Commonwealth, by the several clergymen and others, who solemnize them, except those of the Roman Catholic churches, and none of them are returned."

STOUGHTON.—Deaths. "This is believed to be the whole number of deaths in the town, the last year. The *births* must be nearly all returned, but much imperfection must necessarily arise, from their being taken in many school districts, by the prudential committees, which are changed every year."—"Marriages are probably all returned, but ministers of intelligence, neglect to make return of the information sought, and plead ignorance of the law. Added to all this, the duties of the clerks are trebled, by the present law, and no additional compensation given, so they can ill afford to search for and make the needful corrections, and I think nothing like perfect accuracy can be obtained under existing laws."

WEYMOUTH.—Births. "The record of births, I presume to be correct."—**Deaths.** "The return of deaths, I think, is not quite full; I employed the best means I could command, in the absence of any return from the sextons. The return was made by the school committee, and probably is nearly all the deaths that have occurred."

WRENTHAM.—"I herewith make returns of births, marriages and deaths, which occurred in this town, during the year ending May 1, 1848, so far as the returns made to me enable me to do so; which, although imperfect in some respects, are, I trust, an improvement on former years.

No RETURNS of deaths from *Braintree* and *Brookline*.

BRISTOL COUNTY.

FREETOWN.—*Births*. Whole number 26, instead of 25, as in return.

MANSFIELD.—*Deaths*. "I get no returns from the sextons, but collect from different sources the best I can. The above, as far as it goes, I think correct."

NORTON.—*Deaths*. "All that have come to my knowledge, none having been returned."

SWANZEY.—*Marriages*. "I suppose more have been married in town the year past. The above are all that have been returned."—*Deaths*. "We have no sextons in town: I have obtained the best information I was able."

TAUNTON.—"The number of *births*, I think, is *correct*, but my return of marriages and deaths, which accompanies this, is incomplete and imperfect. I believe that not more than *two thirds* of the marriages that have taken place in this town, the past year, have been returned to me, by those persons to whom that duty belongs. There are, however, some honorable exceptions among our clergymen. The deaths are also far short of the actual number that have occurred the past year. All that I have returned, I obtained *myself*, without the assistance or aid of any sexton, or other persons. I think, since I have been the clerk of the town, which is now between two and three years, I have not had a death returned to me by the persons whom the law of 1844 makes it the duty to make such returns to the clerk."

WESTPORT.—"There have been twelve couple married out of town, during the year."

NO RETURNS of births, marriages and deaths from *Fairhaven* and *Seekonk*; nor marriages from *Berkley*.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY.

EAST BRIDGEWATER.—*Deaths*. "A number of persons who have died in this town, the past year, were buried in the town of Abington, in consequence of their belonging to a religious society in that place, and have not been returned to me. The above list is, therefore, incomplete. Pains will be taken, in future, to have the returns more perfect."

DUXBURY.—*Marriages*. "The above are the only returns that have been made to me during the past year. I have not received any returns of deaths or births."

KINGSTON.—*Deaths*. "The above return is the best I could make. Number I think complete. There has not been a single voluntary return of a death, during the past year, and I have been obliged to collect what information I could, by inquiring and otherwise; I find some have lived in the town but a short time, and but little is known of them. Others, the disease or cause of death is unknown, (but boarding one's self, and working for nothing, is small pay)."

MARSHFIELD.—*Marriages*. "The above are all the marriages which have occurred in Marshfield, during the last registration year."—*Deaths*. "The above are all the deaths which have occurred in Marshfield, during the last registration year, as I have been as usual, throughout the town, and obtained the information."

PLYMPTON.—*Marriages*. "There was no colored person among the marriages. The above contains every marriage, which was solemnized in Plympton, during

the year ending April 30, 1848. The average age of the males is 28 2-13 years. The average age of the females is 24 10-13 years."—*Births*. "The above includes every birth, which occurred in the town of Plympton, during the year beginning May 1, 1847, and ending April 30, 1848. There was no colored person among the births."—*Deaths*. "The above includes every death which occurred in Plympton, during the year ending April 30, 1848,—38 years 4 months, 9 days, 7 16-23 hours is the average age of the deceased persons. During the year ending April 30, 1848, there was an unusual number of deaths in Plympton. During 35 years after January 1, 1812, the average number of deaths, in Plympton, was 14 32-35. There was no colored person among the deaths. But one colored person now resides in Plympton. The present town clerk 'has held the office of town clerk of Plympton, ever since March 9, 1812, and has recorded every marriage, birth, and death which occurred in Plympton, from January 1, 1812, to April 30th, 1848, and has kept a number of statistical tables in the town records, from which the following is taken. During 35 years, between January 1, 1812, and Dec. 31, 1846, the whole number of births was 429 males, 384 females, total, 813. The whole number of deaths was 256 males, 266 females, total, 522. The average age of all the deceased persons was 40 years, 10 months, and 1 day. The average age of the males was 39 years, 9 months and 15 days. The average age of the females was 41 years, 10 months and 2 days. The number which died in each month, during said 35 years, was as follows:—50 in January, 37 in February, 58 in March, 43 in April, 49 in May, 33 in June, 30 in July, 47 in August, 52 in September, 52 in October, 33 in November, and 38 in December. Among the deceased persons, there were 73, under one year old; 60, one year old, and under ten years old; 45, ten years old, and under twenty; 45, twenty years old, and under thirty; 46, thirty years old, and under forty; 38, forty years old, and under fifty; 34, fifty years old, and under sixty; 40, sixty years old, and under seventy; 63, seventy years old, and under eighty; 59, eighty years old, and under ninety; 19, ninety years old, and under one hundred. The town clerk of Plympton took account of the deaths in Plympton, in a private journal, which he keeps of deaths and funerals, near the time when they occurred, with more particulars than is recorded in the book, sent to him by the secretary of this State; at times when convenient, enters them in the town records."

ROCHESTER.—*Births*. Whole number 83, instead of 85, as in return.

No RETURNS of births, marriages and deaths, from *Abington, Middleborough,* and *Plymouth*; of births and deaths, from *Duxbury*; of deaths, from *Carver*.

BARNSTABLE COUNTY.

BARNSTABLE.—*Births*. Whole number 9, instead of 8, as in return.

No RETURNS of births, marriages and deaths, from *Dennis, Marshpee, Truro* and *Wellfleet*.

TABLE I. 1. ABSTRACT OF THE RETURNS OF BIRTHS,
in the several Counties, for each month of the year ending April 30, 1848.

Month.	Sex.	COUNTIES.													Total.
		Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Franklin.	Berkshire.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.	Dukes.	Nantucket.	
May,	Male,	97	119	112	23	39	13	21	71	65	30	12	3	9	614
	Female,	86	106	91	23	29	15	14	66	61	25	18	7	10	551
	Not stated,	2	1	2	.	.	.	.	1	2	1	.	.	.	9
June,	Male,	86	97	86	23	26	17	25	67	64	25	16	1	8	541
	Female,	85	101	92	21	34	17	18	73	52	23	25	2	8	551
	Not stated,	1	2	3	1	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	9
July,	Male,	94	114	97	24	36	16	19	76	81	20	28	3	5	613
	Female,	112	136	92	18	27	31	18	91	66	36	20	3	7	657
	Not stated,	4	1	.	1	1	.	.	1	1	2	.	.	.	10
August,	Male,	112	141	109	33	43	17	21	71	80	26	30	3	12	698
	Female,	116	127	115	30	30	17	9	87	67	30	20	1	8	657
	Not stated,	1	1	2	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	6
September,	Male,	114	136	109	24	47	24	21	100	74	31	22	6	9	717
	Female,	110	131	114	23	34	21	28	101	70	32	37	1	11	713
	Not stated,	3	.	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
October,	Male,	111	139	100	28	23	19	14	89	77	25	36	4	10	675
	Female,	97	145	112	30	33	18	21	82	80	27	31	2	6	684
	Not stated,	1	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	7
November,	Male,	98	135	100	24	40	15	20	93	55	28	27	1	8	644
	Female,	70	145	93	20	27	21	16	92	63	30	26	5	8	616
	Not stated,	.	3	.	.	1	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	.	7
December,	Male,	102	160	109	18	33	19	12	97	75	30	22	3	6	686
	Female,	92	137	101	28	40	21	13	66	69	32	19	2	1	621
	Not stated,	4	1	4	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	1	1	.	13
January,	Male,	78	149	109	25	40	14	19	90	70	31	19	4	7	655
	Female,	107	143	92	34	42	14	19	88	75	37	17	3	7	678
	Not stated,	5	4	.	1	.	.	.	2	4	.	1	.	.	17
February,	Male,	116	126	105	31	50	20	19	104	104	38	20	3	14	750
	Female,	116	137	100	29	33	27	25	108	92	28	22	6	8	731
	Not stated,	4	6	3	.	.	.	.	5	.	.	2	.	.	20
March,	Male,	116	172	127	32	37	30	32	96	82	36	24	4	2	790
	Female,	105	133	124	29	49	21	16	89	84	35	22	5	11	723
	Not stated,	2	2	2	.	2	.	.	3	3	.	1	.	.	15
April,	Male,	99	167	100	32	34	23	24	79	90	47	22	5	10	732
	Female,	103	138	120	37	43	15	16	82	83	27	19	7	10	700
	Not stated,	3	2	1	.	1	.	1	6	3	1	.	2	.	20
Total,	Male,	1223	1655	1263	317	448	227	247	1033	917	367	278	40	100	8115
	Female,	1199	1579	1246	322	421	238	213	1025	862	362	276	44	95	7862
	Not stated,	30	26	20	3	8	.	1	20	18	6	5	3	.	140
Month not stated,	Male,	7	8	4	1	46	2	3	4	1	3	1	2	.	82
	Female,	7	7	9	1	42	2	1	2	1	2	.	3	.	77
	Not stated,	3	9	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	4	.	.	.	26
Grand total.	.	2469	3284	2544	645	967	470	467	2085	1800	744	560	92	195	16322

TABLE I. 2. BIRTHS; PLURALITY CASES.

Month.	Sex.	COUNTIES.												Total.		
		Suffolk.	Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Franklin.	Berkshire.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.		Dukes.	Nantucket.
May,	Male,	.	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	5
	Female,	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	3
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
June,	Male,	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.	2	3	.	.	.	.	8
	Female,	.	2	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	10
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
July,	Male,	.	.	.	2	.	3	.	.	2	.	3	.	.	.	10
	Female,	.	.	.	.	2	1	.	2	.	.	1	.	.	.	6
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
August,	Male,	1	4	.	2	2	.	2	3	4	4	1	.	.	.	23
	Female,	1	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	4	2	1	.	.	.	12
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
September,	Male,	.	1	2	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	6
	Female,	.	5	.	3	.	.	2	1	.	2	3	.	.	.	16
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
October,	Male,	.	3	2	3	.	.	2	.	3	.	2	.	.	.	15
	Female,	.	3	4	3	.	2	2	.	2	.	2	.	.	.	18
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
November,	Male,	.	1	6	1	1	.	1	3	.	1	2	.	2	.	18
	Female,	.	3	6	1	1	2	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	16
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
December,	Male,	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
	Female,	.	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	6
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
January,	Male,	.	1	3	1	.	2	.	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	12
	Female,	.	7	3	1	.	.	.	1	2	2	.	.	.	.	16
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
February,	Male,	.	7	4	2	2	.	.	1	1	5	.	2	.	.	24
	Female,	.	5	2	.	.	.	.	1	3	3	.	4	.	2	20
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	2
March,	Male,	.	2	3	2	2	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
	Female,	.	4	3	6	2	2	.	.	.	2	2	.	2	.	23
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
April,	Male,	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	4
	Female,	2	3	.	5	.	2	.	.	.	1	.	2	.	.	15
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1
Total,	Male,	1	21	24	18	7	5	7	11	16	12	6	10	.	2	140
	Female,	3	33	26	26	5	9	5	6	11	11	6	12	4	4	161
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.	5
Month not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Grand total,	.	4	54	50	44	12	18	12	17	29	24	12	22	4	6	308

NOTE.—In Dorchester and Clarksburg, triplets in each town—all males.

TABLE II. 1. ABSTRACT OF THE RETURNS OF MARRIAGES,
*in the several Counties, for each month of the year ending
 April 30, 1848.*

Counties.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Month not stated.	Total.
Suffolk, . .	1	2	.	2	.	4	6	4	2	.	1	2	1	25
Essex, . .	63	73	37	41	74	87	115	110	79	69	49	64	5	866
Middlesex, .	116	106	91	89	109	140	176	115	122	77	75	94	6	1316
Worcester, .	83	58	35	39	64	81	110	60	62	38	52	85	5	772
Hampshire, .	38	16	6	5	12	27	39	23	12	8	18	14	4	222
Hampden, .	17	20	7	11	30	32	42	17	22	18	24	26	.	266
Franklin, .	9	10	6	4	17	16	15	13	16	11	8	11	1	137
Berkshire, .	5	5	2	7	10	12	17	11	4	.	6	10	1	90
Norfolk, . .	37	32	29	28	44	61	83	47	45	26	28	50	.	510
Bristol, . .	38	39	39	31	49	46	65	34	46	32	28	41	.	488
Plymouth, .	11	20	13	10	20	31	47	31	21	19	21	16	2	262
Barnstable, .	11	15	6	6	6	11	29	27	31	27	25	19	5	218
Dukes, . .	5	3	4	1	2	.	5	3	5	3	1	1	.	33
Nantucket, .	12	7	3	12	5	5	11	6	8	2	6	5	.	82
Total, . .	446	406	278	286	442	553	760	501	475	330	342	438	30	5287

TABLE II. 2. CONDITIONS AND AGES OF PARTIES TO MARRIAGES,
for the year ending April 30, 1848.

(1.) BETWEEN BACHELORS AND MAIDS.

AGE OF THE MEN.	AGE OF THE WOMEN.														TOTAL.
	Under 20.	20 to 25.	25 to 30.	30 to 35.	35 to 40.	40 to 45.	45 to 50.	50 to 55.	55 to 60.	60 to 65.	65 to 70.	70 to 75.	75 to 80.	80 and upwards. Age of women not stated.	
Under 20, . .	47	18	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	66
20 to 25, . .	705	950	115	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1799
25 to 30, . .	252	662	284	23	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1242
30 to 35, . .	38	112	80	30	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	269
35 to 40, . .	7	20	26	19	7	1	1	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	84
40 to 45, . .	1	6	8	6	4	2	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	28
45 to 50, . .	.	.	1	1	2	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
50 to 55, . .	.	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
55 to 60, . .	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
60 to 65, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
65 to 70, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
70 to 75, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
75 to 80, . .	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
80 and upwards, Age of men not stated, . .	13	11	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	337	367
Total, . . .	1064	1779	520	87	24	4	3	2	2	.	.	.	.	384	3869

(2.) BETWEEN BACHELORS AND WIDOWS.

Under 20, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20 to 25, . . .	1	7	7	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	21
25 to 30, . . .	.	10	13	7	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	34
30 to 35, . . .	.	3	3	7	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	20
35 to 40, . . .	.	.	2	2	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
40 to 45, . . .	.	.	.	1	1	2	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
45 to 50, . . .	.	.	.	1	1	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
50 to 55, . . .	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
55 to 60, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
60 to 65, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
65 to 70, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
70 to 75, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
75 to 80, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
80 and upwards, Age of the men not stated, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17	17
Total, . . .	1	20	26	22	9	4	9	1	.	.	.	.	.	19	111

(3.) BETWEEN WIDOWERS AND MAIDS.

AGE OF THE MEN.	AGE OF THE WOMEN.														TOTAL.
	Under 20.	20 to 25.	25 to 30.	30 to 35.	35 to 40.	40 to 45.	45 to 50.	50 to 55.	55 to 60.	60 to 65.	65 to 70.	70 to 75.	75 to 80.	80 and upwards. Age of women not stated.	
Under 20,	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
20 to 25,	8	9	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19
25 to 30,	21	54	14	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	90
30 to 35,	11	23	28	17	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	84
35 to 40,	8	17	31	16	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	81
40 to 45,	1	7	9	14	12	7	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	56
45 to 50,	1	2	10	5	7	2	6	2	1	1	.	.	.	2	39
50 to 55,	1	1	1	3	9	7	4	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	29
55 to 60,	1	.	1	.	6	5	4	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	19
60 to 65,	.	.	1	.	1	1	.	3	2	.	.	.	.	1	9
65 to 70,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	2	1	.	.	.	.	4
70 to 75,	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	5
75 to 80,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1
80 and upwards, Age of the men not stated,	1	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	69	73
Total,	53	114	99	55	44	24	17	11	10	2	.	.	.	81	510

(4.) BETWEEN WIDOWERS AND WIDOWS.

Under 20, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20 to 25, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	2
25 to 30, . . .	.	.	2	3	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
30 to 35, . . .	.	.	.	3	5	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
35 to 40, . . .	.	.	1	3	8	4	3	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
40 to 45, . . .	.	.	.	3	5	6	6	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	22
45 to 50, . . .	.	.	.	.	6	5	2	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	18
50 to 55, . . .	.	.	.	.	2	5	5	4	5	.	.	.	.	.	1	22
55 to 60, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	5	4	5	3	.	2	.	.	.	2	21
60 to 65, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	3	3	5	5	2	.	.	.	.	.	18
65 to 70, . . .	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	.	.	.	11
70 to 75, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	2	4	1	.	1	9
75 to 80, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	3	1	.	.	5
80 and upwards, Age of the men not stated, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	29	32
Total, . . .	.	3	14	29	30	25	22	17	3	7	8	5	1	.	36	200

(5.) CONDITION OF PARTIES NOT STATED.

AGE OF THE MEN.	AGE OF THE WOMEN.														TOTAL.	TOTAL OF MARRIAGES.		
	Under 20.	20 to 25.	25 to 30.	30 to 35.	35 to 40.	40 to 45.	45 to 50.	50 to 55.	55 to 60.	60 to 65.	65 to 70.	70 to 75.	75 to 80.	80 and upwards.		Age of women not stated.	Men.	Women.
Under 20, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	67	1134
20 to 25, . . .	9	15	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	29	1870	1956
25 to 30, . . .	6	21	9	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	42	1415	673
30 to 35, . . .	1	3	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6	389	197
35 to 40, . . .	.	1	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	195	110
40 to 45, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	112	60
45 to 50, . . .	.	.	.	1	1	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	71	51
50 to 55, . . .	.	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	4	62	31
55 to 60, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	44	16
60 to 65, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27	9
65 to 70, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15	8
70 to 75, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14	5
75 to 80, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7	1
80 and upwards, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	0
Age of the men not stated, . . .	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	508	509	998	1036
Total, . . .	16	40	14	4	3	3	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	516	597	5287	5287	

NOTE.

These Tables, in relation to marriages, are read as follows:—*First Table.* 705 men, between the ages of 20 and 25, were married to women under 20; 5 women, between 30 and 35, were married to men between 20 and 25; or 7 men, between 35 and 40, were married to women under 20.—*Second Table.* 1 man, between 20 and 25, was married to a widow between 35 and 40.—*Third Table.* 8 widowers, between 20 and 25, were married to women under 20, who had not before been married.

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CAUSES OF DEATH—Continued.

DISEASE.	SEX.		AGE.													TIME OF DECEASE.												PLACE OF BIRTH.								
	Male.	Female.	Not stated.	Under 1 year.	From 1 to 2 years.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	100 and upwards.	Unknown.	TIME OF DECEASE.												AMERICANS.			Not stated.	Total.	
																			May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Natives of the place where they died.	Natives of other places.	Foreigners.			
Bone, Disease of,	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
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Bronchitis,	9	-	-	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Bronchocoele,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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Burns and Scalds,	15	-	2	3	4	5	1	1	1	-	-	-	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Casualty,	114	-	-	1	2	4	15	10	25	22	12	7	6	4	1	1	4	4	12	15	8	13	10	10	6	7	8	11	8	37	17	33	27	6	138	
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Catarrh,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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Cancer,	46	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	3	9	7	9	12	1	2	1	5	5	2	3	2	5	6	1	4	1	5	7	23	12	1	10	-	-	
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Carbuncle,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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CAUSES OF DEATH—Continued.

DISEASE.	SEX.		AGE.												TIME OF DECEASE.										PLACE OF BIRTH.															
	Male.	Female.	Under 1 year.	From 1 to 2 years.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	100 and upwards.	Unknown.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	AMERICANS.			Foreigners.	Not stated.	Total.					
																														Native of the place where they died.	Native of other places.									
Tetanus,	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	3	1	-	13				
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Ulcers,	5	14	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	1	3	7	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	2	7	-				
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Unknown,	564	166	272	58	59	24	29	50	35	34	23	32	40	18	1	1	54	60	43	59	94	96	57	46	48	58	42	64	63	334	73	55	268	334	73	55	268	-		
"	-	520	121	48	35	21	30	54	36	29	22	41	38	19	3	1	22	31	29	36	59	72	47	46	35	40	49	46	30	190	61	24	245	190	61	24	245	1260		
Urinary Organs,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-		
Disease of,	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
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Worms,	1	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	6			
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Total—Males,	5417	5566	363	1945	976	944	453	743	1422	975	737	671	674	923	620	132	9	222	746	728	943	1362	1611	1114	780	731	819	844	865	803	5668	2542	961	2175	11346	5668	2542	961	2175	11346
Females	5566	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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TABLE III. 2. CLASSIFICATION OF CAUSES OF DEATH IN
THE SEVERAL COUNTIES,*for the year ending April 30th, 1848.*

DISEASES.	Suffolk.	Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Berkshire.	Franklin.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.	Dukes and Nantucket.	Totals.
1. ZIMOTIC DISEASES; OR EPIDEMIC, ENDEMIC, AND CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.														
1 Cholera, - - -	-	17	4	8	2	2	-	-	7	3	3	-	-	46
2 Cholera Infantum, - - -	-	15	91	23	1	4	5	-	11	4	14	4	-	172
3 Croup, - - -	-	25	65	48	8	20	11	8	35	18	2	6	19	265
4 Diarrhœa, - - -	-	1	34	42	86	5	21	3	32	5	10	2	2	245
5 Dysentery, - - -	11	142	394	198	8	10	14	5	99	93	22	32	46	1074
6 Erysipelas, - - -	-	1	8	15	13	3	6	1	4	5	2	1	-	60
7 Fever, Intermittent, - - -	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
8 " Remittent, - - -	-	-	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	9
9 " Typhus, - - -	7	201	307	205	49	69	31	21	145	76	44	36	11	1202
10 Hooping Cough, - - -	-	1	14	7	17	2	13	1	3	5	8	2	4	77
11 Influenza, - - -	-	-	9	1	4	1	2	-	4	2	2	1	1	27
12 Measles, - - -	-	1	5	15	4	-	12	-	1	5	-	-	-	43
13 Scarlatina, - - -	-	1	32	47	18	4	3	18	1	13	10	13	10	176
14 Small Pox, - - -	-	1	2	6	2	-	3	2	5	-	-	-	-	21
15 Syphilis, - - -	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
16 Thrush, - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals, - - -	24	504	997	633	83	166	86	41	361	229	115	97	85	3421
2. DISEASES OF GENERAL OR UNCERTAIN SEAT.														
17 Abscess, - - -	-	3	6	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	14
18 Atrophy, - - -	-	3	16	5	1	4	2	2	-	1	4	2	-	40
19 Cancer, - - -	-	25	24	16	4	8	4	2	12	1	6	6	6	114
20 Debility, - - -	-	1	3	5	8	1	2	2	1	3	-	2	-	29
21 Dropsy, - - -	-	1	54	52	44	14	13	10	10	20	14	11	1	250
22 Gout, - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23 Hemorrhage, - - -	-	3	6	8	1	2	5	1	3	4	5	1	1	40
24 Infantile Diseases, - - -	-	64	60	25	1	1	-	1	4	4	5	13	5	183
25 Inflammation, - - -	-	6	2	8	2	5	1	-	2	2	1	-	2	31
26 Malformation, - - -	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	5
27 Mortification, - - -	-	1	28	29	66	-	5	3	3	10	17	5	7	186
28 Scrofula, - - -	-	4	5	4	2	5	-	1	2	2	1	1	-	27
29 Sudden Death, - - -	-	8	4	7	1	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	24
30 Tumor, - - -	-	4	5	4	1	1	-	-	1	3	2	2	-	23
Totals, - - -	3	205	214	198	29	49	28	21	57	52	43	33	34	966

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE SEVERAL COUNTIES—*Continued.*

	DISEASES.	Suffolk.	Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Hertshire.	Franklin.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.	Dukes and Nantucket.	Totals.
3. DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM.															
31	Apoplexy, -	1	11	15	13	6	6	5	2	9	4	4	1	1	78
32	Cephalitis, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	Chorea, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
34	Convulsions, -	3	35	55	39	11	21	8	3	21	23	11	10	5	245
35	Delirium Tremens, -	1	3	6	3	-	3	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	21
36	Epilepsy, -	-	2	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
37	Hydrocephalus, -	1	47	60	31	3	10	5	3	14	14	3	3	3	197
38	Insanity, -	-	6	8	11	-	1	1	-	2	2	-	4	-	35
39	Paralysis, -	-	27	22	28	5	3	9	4	12	7	8	9	4	138
40	Tetanus, -	-	1	4	-	1	1	-	-	2	2	1	1	-	13
41	Brain, &c., Dis. of,	2	7	38	24	3	9	4	3	10	12	2	4	-	118
	Totals, -	8	139	209	150	29	54	35	16	72	65	29	33	13	852
4. DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY ORGANS.															
42	Asthma, -	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	3	3	-	-	-	9
43	Bronchitis, -	-	5	7	1	2	1	1	-	3	-	-	2	-	22
44	Consumption, -	15	426	432	407	109	157	71	82	217	203	101	108	59	2387
45	Hydrothorax, -	-	3	3	-	-	-	3	-	1	2	-	3	-	15
46	Laryngitis, -	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
47	Pleurisy, -	-	5	10	6	-	4	3	-	3	2	2	2	-	37
48	Pneumonia, -	4	67	64	102	22	25	15	20	25	55	8	19	6	432
49	Quinsy, -	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	6
50	Lungs, &c., Dis. of,	-	4	5	1	-	1	1	1	10	2	1	-	-	26
	Totals, -	19	510	522	521	133	189	97	104	262	267	112	136	65	2937
5. DISEASES OF THE ORGANS OF CIRCULATION.															
51	Aneurism, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
52	Pericarditis, -	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
53	Heart, &c., Dis. of,	2	39	50	46	10	11	6	5	17	18	11	7	3	225
	Totals, -	2	41	51	46	10	11	6	5	17	18	11	7	3	228
6. DISEASES OF THE DIGESTIVE ORGANS.															
54	Ascites, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	Colic, -	-	3	1	5	1	-	2	2	4	2	1	1	-	22
56	Dyspepsia, -	-	1	-	2	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	1	-	8
57	Enteritis, -	-	21	8	19	3	11	6	7	7	17	2	5	1	107
58	Gastritis, -	-	1	3	7	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	13
59	Hernia, -	-	2	2	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
60	Intussusception, -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
61	Peritonitis, -	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
62	Teething, -	1	5	14	13	-	9	2	1	12	8	-	4	-	69
63	Ulceration, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE SEVERAL COUNTIES—*Continued.*

	DISEASES.	Suffolk.	Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Herkshire.	Franklin.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Harnstable.	Dukes and Nantucket.	Totals.
64	Worms, - - -	-	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	6
65	Organs, &c., Disease of,	-	1	3	9	-	1	2	-	5	11	4	3	-	39
66	Pancreas, Disease of,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
67	Hepatitis, - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
68	Jaundice, - - -	-	7	-	6	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	18
69	Liver, Disease of, -	-	5	11	19	1	4	2	-	5	5	3	1	1	57
70	Spleen, Disease of, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Totals, - - -	1	47	45	83	6	27	16	13	36	47	10	15	3	349
	7. DISEASES OF THE URINARY ORGANS.														
71	Diabetes, - - -	-	2	4	3	1	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	14
72	Cystitis, - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	3
73	Gravel, - - -	-	3	1	1	-	2	3	-	1	2	-	-	2	15
74	Nephritis, - - -	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
75	Kidneys, &c., Disease of,	-	2	6	8	2	1	-	1	2	1	1	-	-	24
	Totals, - - -	-	7	11	13	4	3	3	2	5	5	1	1	2	57
	8. DISEASES OF THE ORGANS OF GENERATION.														
76	Childbirth, - - -	-	8	18	6	7	8	3	2	5	4	2	2	4	69
77	Puerperal Fever, - -	-	4	7	9	2	-	3	2	3	3	-	-	-	33
78	Paramenia, - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
79	Organs, &c., Disease of,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2
	Totals, - - -	-	12	25	15	9	8	6	5	8	7	3	2	4	104
	9. DISEASES OF THE ORGANS OF LOCOMOTION.														
80	Rheumatism, - - -	-	-	4	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	-	-	15
81	Joints, &c., Disease of,	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
82	Hip, Disease of, - -	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
83	Spine, Disease of, -	-	4	9	7	1	2	2	-	3	1	-	1	-	30
	Totals, - - -	-	4	15	11	4	3	3	1	4	3	1	1	-	50
	10. DISEASES OF THE INTESTINARY SYSTEM.														
84	Fistula, - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
85	Ulcers, - - -	-	1	1	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	7
86	Purpura, - - -	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
87	Skin, &c., Disease of,	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	Totals, - - -	-	3	1	5	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	10
88	11. OF OLD AGE, - -	2	86	117	121	47	29	27	32	44	33	37	25	13	633

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	DISEASES.	Suffolk.	Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Berkshire.	Franklin.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.	Dukes and Nan- ucket.	Totals.
	12. OF EXTERNAL CAUSES.														
89	Burns and Scalds, -	-	-	5	5	2	2	1	-	2	7	-	3	-	27
90	Casualties, . -	-	25	27	28	7	7	3	4	12	18	1	2	4	138
91	Drowned, - -	-	17	28	10	5	8	4	3	9	6	2	8	-	100
92	Fractures, - -	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	4
93	Intemperance, -	-	4	8	4	-	4	-	-	2	4	-	1	-	27
94	Poisoned, - -	-	-	1	-	2	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	7
95	Suffocation, -	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
96	Suicide, - -	-	4	10	8	1	3	-	2	5	2	-	2	1	38
97	Homicide, - -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
	Totals, - - -	-	50	83	59	17	25	8	11	31	38	3	17	5	347
98	13. CAUSES NOT SPECIFIED, - -	47	98	220	187	67	82	60	25	211	167	34	40	11	1249
99	14. STILLBORN, - -	4	37	36	10	4	8	-	6	15	17	-	3	3	143
	Totals, - - -	110	1743	2546	2052	442	654	375	282	1124	968	309	410	241	11,346

NOTES TO THE ABSTRACTS OF DISEASES.

It has been considered desirable to institute, as far as we can from the returns, a comparison of the prevalence of particular diseases, in the same districts, for different years. Boston having made no returns of deaths for the last five years, the county of Suffolk is excluded in the several abstracts of deaths.

In the Tables for 1848, the Alphabetical Abstract contains the names of the diseases generally, as they appear in the returns. In the Classified Abstract, they are arranged after the plan of the Registrar General of Births, Marriages and Deaths in England, with some alterations, which circumstances in this country seemed to dictate. They are numbered for the purpose of convenient reference, and each class is arranged alphabetically. The numbers in parentheses, in the following notes, are references to the heads, under which diseases are arranged in the Classified Abstract. Those who may wish for a more particular subdivision of the diseases for 1848, or the age, or month of the year in which they occurred, may consult the Alphabetical Abstract.

Zimotic Diseases.—Under Fever Remittent (8) are included 2 cases of Yellow Fever. Under Fever Typhus (9) are included 340 cases of Fever, 6 of Parotitis, 112 of Brain Fever, 167 of Ship Fever, 3 of Inflammatory Fever, 9 of Congestive Fever, and 1 of Gastric Fever. Under Small Pox (14) are included 2 cases of Chicken Pox. Under Scarlatina, are included 18 cases of Throat Distemper.

Diseases of General or Uncertain Seat.—Under Atrophy (18) are 40 cases of Marasmus. Under Hemorrhage, are included 3 cases of Hæmoptysis, 2 of Piles, 3 of Hæmatemesis, and 2 of Black Vomit. Under Mortification, are included 75 cases of Canker, and 68 of Canker Rash. Under Sudden Deaths, are included 3 cases of Drinking Cold Water, and 3 Found Dead.

Diseases of the Nervous System.—Under Brain, &c., Disease of (41) are included 47 cases of Inflammation of the Brain, 5 of Neuralgia, and 11 of Congestion of the Brain.

Diseases of the Respiratory Organs.—Under Hydrothorax (45) are 15 cases of Dropsy of the Chest. Under Pneumonia, are included 62 cases of Inflammation of the Lungs, and 11 of Congestion of the Lungs.

Diseases of the Organs of Circulation.—Under Heart, &c., Disease of (53) are included 1 case of Angina Pectoris, and 14 of Anæmia.

Diseases of the Digestive Organs.—Under Enteritis (57) are included 87 cases of Inflammation of the Bowels, and 16 of Bilious Fever. Under Organs, &c., Disease of (65) are included 31 cases of Disease of the Bowels, and 8 of Disease of the Stomach.

Diseases of the Urinary Organs.—Under Kidneys, &c., Disease of (75) are included 8 cases of Strangury, and 2 of Disease of the Urinary Organs.

Diseases of the Organs of Generation.—Under Organs, &c., Disease of (79) are included 2 cases of Disease of the Ovaries.

Diseases of the Organs of Locomotion.—Under Joints, &c., Disease of (81) is 1 case of Disease of the Bones.

Diseases of the Integumentary System.—Under Skin, Disease of (87) is 1 case of Psoriasis.

Of External Causes.—Under Casualty, are included 1 case of Strangled, 4 of Sun Struck, and 1 of Killed by Lightning. Under Drowned, are included 8 cases Drowned at Sea.

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TABLE III. 3. ABSTRACT OF RETURNS OF CAUSES OF DEATHS,
in the years 1846, 1847, and 1848.

	CAUSES OF DEATH.	1846.	1847.	1848.	To 10,000 Deaths by all Specified Causes, there were in		
					1846.	1847.	1848.
	All Causes,	9211	10,816	11,346			
	Specified Causes,	8741	10,317	9954	10,000	10,000	10,000
1	Zimotic Diseases, or Epidemic, Endemic, and Contagious Diseases,	2121	2982	3421	2427	2890	3437
	SPORADIC DISEASES.						
2	Of Uncertain or General Seat,	1730	1382	966	1979	1339	971
3	Of the Nervous System,	760	930	852	880	901	856
4	Of the Respiratory Organs,	2447	3042	2937	2790	2949	2951
5	Of the Organs of Circulation,	151	207	228	172	201	229
6	Of the Digestive Organs,	328	393	349	375	381	350
7	Of the Urinary Organs,	36	48	57	41	47	57
8	Of the Organs of Generation,	80	107	104	92	104	104
9	Of the Organs of Locomotion,	39	54	50	45	52	50
10	Of the Integumentary System,	10	20	10	12	19	10
11	Of Old Age,	688	733	633	787	711	636
12	Of External Causes,	342	419	347	391	406	349
	Totals,	8741	10,317	9954	10,000	10,000	10,000
	1.						
1	Cholera,	40	92	46	46	89	46
2	Cholera Infantum,	258	224	172	294	217	173
3	Croup,	218	277	265	250	268	267
4	Diarrhœa,	55	271	245	63	263	246
5	Dysentery,	122	410	1074	140	397	1079
6	Erysipelas,	84	53	60	96	51	60
7	Fever Intermittent,	5	2	3	6	2	3
8	“ Remittent,	12	6	9	14	6	9
9	“ Typhus,	614	944	1202	703	915	1208
10	Whooping Cough,	100	104	77	114	101	77
11	Influenza,	16	28	27	18	27	27
12	Measles,	46	136	43	53	132	43
13	Scarlatina,	516	418	176	590	405	177
14	Small Pox,	32	12	21	37	12	21
15	Syphilis,	1	1	1	1	1	1
16	Thrush,	2	4	.	2	4	.
	Totals,	2121	2982	3421	2427	2890	3437
	2.						
17	Abscess,	13	10	14	15	10	14
18	Atrophy,	13	38	40	15	37	40
19	Cancer,	113	118	114	129	114	115
20	Debility,	13	37	29	15	36	29

CAUSES OF DEATHS—*Continued.*

	CAUSES OF DEATH.	1846.	1847.	1848.	To 10,000 Deaths by all Specified Causes, there were in		
					1846.	1847.	1848.
21	Dropsy,	235	277	250	269	268	252
22	Gout,	5	3	.	6	3	.
23	Hemorrhage,	30	25	40	34	24	40
24	Infantile Diseases,	1187	708	183	1358	686	184
25	Inflammation,	31	27	31	35	26	31
26	Malformation,	4	8	5	5	8	5
27	Mortification,	24	44	186	27	43	187
28	Scrofula,	31	41	27	35	40	27
29	Sudden Deaths,	19	27	24	22	26	24
30	Tumor,	12	19	23	14	18	23
	Totals,	1730	1382	966	1979	1339	971
	3.						
31	Apoplexy,	69	90	78	79	87	78
32	Cephalitis,	38	54	.	44	52	.
33	Chorea,	2	2	1	2	2	1
34	Convulsions,	146	237	245	167	230	246
35	Delirium Tremens,	17	24	21	19	23	21
36	Epilepsy,	13	14	6	15	13	6
37	Hydrocephalus,	231	233	197	264	226	196
38	Insanity,	9	24	35	10	23	35
39	Paralysis,	177	164	138	203	159	139
40	Tetanus,	3	9	13	3	9	13
41	Brain, &c., Disease of,	64	79	118	74	77	119
	Totals,	769	930	852	880	901	856
	4.						
42	Asthma,	6	12	9	7	12	9
43	Bronchitis,	12	19	22	14	18	22
44	Consumption,	2104	2397	2387	2407	2324	2399
45	Hydrothorax,	18	16	15	20	15	18
46	Laryngitis,	1	5	3	1	5	3
47	Pleurisy,	33	47	37	36	46	37
48	Pneumonia,	235	501	432	269	486	434
49	Quincy,	9	14	6	10	13	6
50	Lungs, &c., Disease of,	29	31	26	33	30	26
	Totals,	2447	3042	2937	2799	2949	2951
	5.						
51	Aneurism,	3	3	.	4	3	.
52	Pericarditis,	1	2	3	1	2	3
53	Heart, &c., Disease of,	147	202	225	167	196	226
	Totals,	151	207	228	172	201	229
	6.						
54	Ascites,
55	Colic,	12	16	22	14	15	22
56	Dyspepsia,	8	12	8	9	12	8

CAUSES OF DEATHS.

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CAUSES OF DEATHS—*Continued.*

	CAUSES OF DEATH.	1846.	1847.	1848.	To 10,000 Deaths by all Specified Causes, there were in		
					1846.	1847.	1848.
57	Enteritis,	132	118	107	151	114	108
58	Gastritis,	4	19	13	4	18	13
59	Hernia,	9	12	7	10	12	7
60	Intussusception,	5	2	1	6	2	1
61	Peritonitis,	5	7	2	6	7	2
62	Teething,	30	61	69	34	60	69
63	Ulceration, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.
64	Worms,	7	14	6	8	13	6
65	Organs, &c., Disease of,	53	45	39	61	44	39
66	Pancreas, Disease of, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.
67	Hepatitis, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.
68	Jaundice,	14	24	18	16	23	18
69	Liver, Disease of,	49	63	57	56	61	57
70	Spleen, Disease of, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Totals,	328	393	349	375	381	350
	7.						
71	Diabetes,	15	16	14	17	15	14
72	Cystitis,	3	4	3	3	4	3
73	Gravel,	9	10	15	10	10	15
74	Nephritis, . . . . .	.	5	1	.	5	1
75	Kidneys, Disease of,	9	13	24	11	13	24
	Totals,	36	48	57	41	47	57
	8.						
76	Childbirth,	45	69	69	52	67	69
77	Puerperal Fever,	30	25	33	34	24	33
78	Paramenia, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.
79	Organs, &c., Disease of,	5	13	2	6	13	2
	Totals,	80	107	104	92	104	104
	9.						
80	Rheumatism,	13	21	15	15	20	15
81	Joints, &c., Disease of,	2	5	1	2	5	1
82	Hip, Disease of,	3	8	4	3	8	4
83	Spine, Disease of,	21	20	30	25	19	30
	Totals,	39	54	50	45	52	50
	10.						
84	Fistula, . . . . .	.	1	.	.	1	.
85	Ulcers,	9	11	7	11	10	7
86	Purpura, . . . . .	.	4	2	.	4	2
87	Skin, &c., Disease of,	1	4	1	1	4	1
	Totals,	10	20	10	12	19	10
	11.						
88	Old Age,	688	733	633	787	711	636

CAUSES OF DEATHS—*Continued.*

	CAUSES OF DEATH.	1846.	1847.	1848.	To 10,000 Deaths by all Specified Causes, there were in		
					1846.	1847.	1848.
	12.						
89	Burns and Scalds,	36	27	27	41	26	27
90	Casualties,	131	129	138	150	125	139
91	Drinking Cold Water,		4			4	
92	Drowned,	115	178	100	131	172	101
93	Executed,						
94	Fractures,		4	4		4	4
95	Frozen,		1			1	
96	Glanders,						
97	Hydrophobia,						
98	Homicide,		2	2		2	2
99	Intemperance,	19	30	27	22	29	27
100	Lightning,		1			1	
101	Malpractice,						
102	Necrosis,						
103	Poisoned,	5	4	7	6	4	7
104	Starvation,						
105	Suffocation,	5	3	4	6	3	4
106	Suicide,	31	36	38	35	35	38
107	Wounds,						
	Totals,	342	419	347	391	406	349
	13.						
108	Causes not specified,	470	499	1249	538	484	1255
	14.						
109	Stillborn,	109	149	143	125	144	144

NOTE.

The number of the *stillborn*, in 1848, is stated above to be 143, while, in the table on the next page, it is 25. The cause of this disagreement is, that the first number (143) was abstracted from the returns of the deaths; and the second (25) from the returns of the births. The stillborn should always be fully reported, both among the births and deaths; but, having never lived as separate, independent persons, they should be excluded in numbering the deaths. This has been done in all the calculations in these tables, and a further deduction of 1249, for causes not specified, leaving 9954 as the number of deaths for specified causes; and this was the basis of the calculations.

TABLE III. 4. STILLBORN CASES.

Month.	Sex.	COUNTIES.											Total.		
		Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Franklin.	Berkshire.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.		Dukes.	Nantucket.
May,	Male,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Female,	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
June,	Male,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Female,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
July,	Male,	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
	Female,	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Not stated,	2	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	4
August,	Male,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Female,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
September,	Male,	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Female,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
	Not stated,	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
October,	Male,	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
	Female,	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
November,	Male,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Female,	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
December,	Male,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Female,	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	2
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
January,	Male,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Female,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Not stated,	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
February,	Male,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Female,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Not stated,	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
March,	Male,	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
	Female,	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
April,	Male,	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Female,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Not stated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Month not stated,	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Total,	Male,	.	4	1	2	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
	Female,	.	1	.	1	.	4	.	1	.	1	1	.	.	9
	Not stated,	6	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Grand total,	.	6	5	1	5	.	5	.	1	.	1	1	.	.	25

TABLE IV. FACTS ILLUSTRATING THE INFLUENCE OF
OCCUPATION ON LONGEVITY,

Showing the number, and the aggregate and average ages of individuals differently employed, abstracted from the returns.

[NOTE. No person under 20 years of age is included in this abstract. It is supposed that occupations have no particular influence before that time.]

OCCUPATIONS.	1846.			1847.			1848.		
	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.
Artists, . . . . .	.	.	.	2	48	24.00	.	.	.
Clergymen,	14	897	64.07	17	1045	61.47	18	1045	58.05
Editors,	1	45	45.00	.	.	.	1	48	48.00
Lawyers,	8	472	59.00	9	593	65.89	5	281	56.20
Physicians,	21	1000	47.64	21	1111	52.90	16	975	60.93
Professors, . . . . .	.	.	.	2	120	60.00	.	.	.
Scholars,	1	21	21.00	7	163	23.29	7	173	24.71
Teachers,	9	412	45.78	12	546	45.50	16	637	39.81
Musicians, . . . . .	.	.	.	4	159	39.75	1	33	33.00
Total,	54	2847	52.72	74	3785	51.15	64	3192	49.87
Booksellers, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	132	44.00
Brokers,	2	108	54.00	.	.	.	.	.	.
Gentlemen,	10	662	66.20	13	937	72.08	11	736	66.90
Merchants,	42	2313	55.07	56	2583	46.13	40	2208	55.20
Traders,	27	1213	44.92	33	1498	45.39	39	1753	44.94
Total,	81	4296	53.04	102	5018	49.20	93	4829	51.92
Farmers,	645	39,869	61.64	679	45,241	66.63	739	48,345	65.41
Clerks,	14	518	37.00	18	630	35.00	15	449	29.93
Public Officers,	7	331	47.29	6	302	50.33	10	564	56.40
Engineers,	2	62	31.00	3	94	31.33	3	118	39.33
Innkeepers,	7	355	50.71	12	615	51.25	4	242	60.50
Stage Drivers,	3	105	35.00	3	159	53.00	11	333	30.27
Drovers, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	58	58.00
Wharfingers, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Baggage Masters,	1	25	25.00	.	.	.	1	38	38.00
Total,	34	1396	41.06	42	1890	45.00	45	1802	40.04
Bakers,	5	194	38.80	8	425	53.12	5	165	33.00
Barbers,	3	142	47.33	1	43	43.00	2	85	42.50
Blacksmiths,	43	2197	51.09	61	3387	55.52	38	2165	56.97

INFLUENCE OF OCCUPATION ON LONGEVITY. 53

INFLUENCE OF OCCUPATION, &c.—Continued.

OCCUPATIONS.	1846.			1847.			1848.		
	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.
Block-makers, . . .	2	132	66.00	.	.	.	2	110	55.00
Bookbinders, . . .	1	41	41.00	.	.	.	1	60	60.00
Brake and Fire men, . . .	4	110	27.50	.	.	.	2	54	27.00
Brick-makers, . . .	2	90	45.00	2	58	29.00	1	35	35.00
Brush-makers, . . .	1	66	66.00	.	.	.	1	73	73.00
Butchers, . . .	8	294	36.75	4	199	49.75	4	187	46.75
Cabinet-makers, . . .	9	414	46.00	14	638	45.63	13	610	47.38
Card-makers, . . .	3	138	46.00	1	70	70.00	1	49	49.00
Carpenters, . . .	70	3426	48.94	92	4408	48.01	102	4852	47.56
Caulkers and Gravers, . . .	3	199	66.33	2	110	55.00	4	254	63.50
Chair-makers, . . .	6	206	34.33	8	290	37.00	11	398	36.18
Chaise-makers, . . .	2	140	70.00	3	164	54.67	4	271	67.75
Cigar-makers, . . .	1	20	20.00	.	.	.	3	182	60.66
Clock-makers, . . .	.	.	.	1	43	43.00	2	90	45.00
Clothiers, . . .	2	95	47.50	1	69	69.00	3	173	57.66
Comb-makers, . . .	2	84	42.00	3	97	32.33	2	105	52.50
Confectioners, . . .	.	.	.	1	24	24.00	1	29	29.00
Coopers, . . .	19	1030	54.21	20	1178	58.90	17	1027	60.41
Coppersmiths, . . .	1	42	42.00	1	47	47.00	.	.	.
Curriers and Tanners, . . .	10	437	43.70	12	576	48.00	13	742	57.07
Cutlers, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	58	29.00
Dentists, . . .	2	86	43.00	.	.	.	.	.	.
Distillers, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	155	77.50
Druggists, . . .	1	57	57.00	3	144	48.00	2	90	45.00
Dyers, . . .	3	110	36.67	1	37	37.00	3	116	38.66
Engravers, . . .	4	127	31.75	.	.	.	3	119	39.66
Founders, . . .	1	25	25.00	3	134	44.67	.	.	.
Furnacemen, . . .	1	22	22.00	4	255	63.75	.	.	.
Glass Blowers, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	69	34.50
Glass Cutters, . . .	1	37	37.00	.	.	.	3	135	45.00
Gunsmiths, . . .	1	80	80.00	.	.	.	3	113	37.66
Harness-makers, . . .	4	152	38.00	5	338	67.60	5	222	44.44
Hatters, . . .	10	553	55.30	7	425	60.72	3	217	72.33
Inspectors of Beef, . . .	1	43	43.00	.	.	.	.	.	.
Jewellers, . . .	4	163	40.75	5	203	40.60	5	248	49.60
Leather dressers, . . .	5	245	49.00	.	.	.	1	31	31.00
Machinists, . . .	16	503	31.44	33	1234	37.33	20	737	36.85
Manufacturers, . . .	6	253	42.17	20	630	31.50	26	1281	49.26
Masons, . . .	20	990	49.50	15	787	52.47	24	1025	42.70
Mast-makers, . . .	1	58	58.00	3	135	45.00	.	.	.
Mechanics, . . .	7	345	49.33	22	829	37.68	25	1165	46.60
Millers, . . .	5	363	72.60	6	472	78.67	5	269	53.80
Millwrights, . . .	1	51	51.00	3	153	51.00	4	202	50.50
Nailers, . . .	3	132	44.00	.	.	.	5	198	39.60
Operatives, . . .	12	426	35.50	19	560	30.00	20	555	27.75
Organ-builders, . . .	1	61	61.00	.	.	.	.	.	.
Painters, . . .	16	644	40.25	24	1115	46.46	19	790	41.57
Paper-makers, . . .	3	172	57.33	1	26	26.00	2	96	48.00
Paper-stainers, . . .	1	28	28.00	.	.	.	.	.	.
Pattern-makers, . . .	1	45	45.00	.	.	.	.	.	.

INFLUENCE OF OCCUPATION, &c.—*Continued.*

OCCUPATIONS.	1846.			1847.			1848.		
	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.
Pianoforte-makers, . . .	1	54	54.00	.	.	.	.	.	.
Pile-drivers, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Pocketbook-makers, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Potters, . . .	1	80	80.00	.	.	.	.	.	.
Powder-makers, . . .	3	97	32.33	1	26	26.00	.	.	.
Printers, . . .	4	130	32.50	6	206	34.33	6	254	42.33
Pump & Block makers, . . .	2	164	82.00	.	.	.	.	.	.
Riggers, . . .	1	37	37.00	.	.	.	1	69	69.00
Rope-makers, . . .	7	426	60.86	7	364	52.00	2	91	45.50
Sail-makers, . . .	3	127	42.33	1	74	74.00	.	.	.
Salt Manufacturers, . . .	.	.	.	2	132	66.00	1	59	59.00
Sculptors, . . .	1	93	93.00	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sextons, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	8	173	57.66
Shipwrights, . . .	8	498	62.25	13	755	58.04	12	634	52.83
Shoe-makers, . . .	133	5586	42.00	154	6716	43.61	154	6668	43.29
Soap-makers, . . .	1	60	60.00	2	82	41.00	1	66	66.00
Stablers, . . .	2	63	31.50	1	58	58.00	.	.	.
Stone-cutters, . . .	16	688	43.00	14	565	40.36	14	570	40.71
Tailors, . . .	5	272	54.40	14	680	48.57	5	191	38.20
Tallow-chandlers, . . .	1	64	64.00	1	67	67.00	.	.	.
Tinmen, . . .	3	141	47.00	3	97	32.33	3	83	27.66
Trunk-makers, . . .	1	33	33.00	.	.	.	.	.	.
Umbrella-makers, . . .	1	43	43.00	.	.	.	1	66	66.00
Victuallers, . . .	.	.	.	2	97	48.50	1	56	56.00
Weavers, . . .	6	295	49.17	5	281	56.20	6	285	47.50
Well-diggers, . . .	1	25	25.00	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wheelwrights, . . .	6	242	40.33	15	669	44.60	12	815	45.27
Whip-makers, . . .	1	32	32.00	1	36	36.00	1	21	21.00
Wood-turners, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	54	54.00
Wool-dyers, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wool-sorters, . . .	2	95	47.50	.	.	.	3	125	41.66
Total, . . .	538	24,613	45.75	651	30,241	46.45	649	29,899	46.06
Male Domestics, . . .	1	97	97.00	3	154	51.33	4	123	30.75
Laborers, . . .	209	10,238	49.00	259	12,088	46.67	411	17,962	43.70
Teamsters, . . .	6	344	57.33	.	.	.	9	355	39.44
Total, . . .	216	10,679	49.44	262	12,242	46.73	424	18,440	43.49
Fishermen, . . .	7	316	45.14	69	2620	37.97	14	712	50.85
Freighters, . . .	2	83	41.50	.	.	.	1	45	45.00
Pilots, . . .	2	133	66.50	.	.	.	.	.	.
Seamen, . . .	108	5266	48.76	145	6590	45.45	173	7421	42.89
Total, . . .	119	5798	48.72	214	9210	43.04	188	8176	43.50

INFLUENCE OF OCCUPATION, &c.—Continued.

OCCUPATIONS.	1846.			1847.			1848.		
	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.
Paupers, . . .	36	2503	69.53	21	1386	66.00	31	2024	65.29
Insane, . . .	1	68	68.00	26	1322	50.85	1	56	56.00
Total, . . .	37	2571	69.48	47	2708	57.62	32	2080	65.00
FEMALES.									
Domestics, . . .	5	153	30.60	11	604	54.99	62	2632	42.45
Dress-makers, . . .	8	239	29.87	9	271	30.11	14	379	27.07
Housekeepers, . . .	275	14,279	51.92	371	19,133	51.57	322	17,357	53.90
Ladies, . . .	2	140	70.00	3	213	71.00	1	64	64.00
Midwives, . . .	1	92	92.00						
Milliners, . . .	3	132	44.00	4	132	33.00	5	169	33.80
Nurses, . . .	4	208	52.00	2	128	64.00	3	166	55.33
Operatives, . . .	30	767	25.57	43	1162	27.02	53	1477	27.86
Seamstresses, . . .	18	717	39.83	11	514	46.73	4	185	46.25
Shoe-binders, . . .	5	117	23.40	6	313	52.17	3	180	60.00
Straw-braiders, . . .	3	134	44.66	5	180	36.00	2	83	41.50
Tailoresses, . . .	17	658	38.71	9	391	43.44	13	561	43.15
Teachers, . . .	14	376	26.86	14	405	28.93	11	318	28.91
Weavers, . . .	10	525	52.50	2	50	25.00	7	231	33.00
Total, . . .	395	18,537	46.93	490	23,496	47.95	500	23,802	47.64

RECAPITULATION.

Professional men, . . .	54	2,847	52.72	74	3,785	51.15	64	3,192	49.87
Merchants, . . .	81	4,296	53.04	102	5,018	49.20	93	4,829	51.92
Agriculturists, . . .	679	45,241	66.63	741	47,538	64.14	739	48,345	65.41
Public Officers, . . .	34	1,396	41.06	42	1,890	45.00	45	1,802	40.04
Mechanics, . . .	538	24,613	45.75	651	30,241	46.45	649	29,899	46.06
Laborers, . . .	216	10,679	49.44	262	12,242	46.73	424	18,440	43.49
Seamen, . . .	119	5,798	48.72	214	9,210	43.04	188	8,178	43.50
Paupers, . . .	37	2,571	69.48	47	2,708	57.62	32	2,080	65.00
Females, . . .	395	18,537	46.93	490	23,496	47.95	500	23,802	47.64
Total & averages, . . .	2153	115,978	53.87	2623	136,128	51.89	2734	140,567	51.41

TABLE V. FACTS ILLUSTRATING THE INFLUENCE OF DOMESTIC CONDITION ON LONGEVITY,

Showing, for each County, the number and aggregate age of all in the returns over 20 years old, whose condition is specified.

COUNTIES.	MALES.						FEMALES.					
	UNMARRIED.			MARRIED.			UNMARRIED.			MARRIED.		
	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.
Essex, .	69	2,338	33.88	222	12,145	54.70	47	3,475	73.93	69	3,195	46.30
Middlesex, .	112	3,953	35.29	251	13,434	53.52	47	3,480	74.04	101	3,986	39.56
Worcester, .	79	2,601	34.06	206	14,847	55.81	75	5,337	71.16	114	4,552	39.93
Hampshire, .	16	609	38.06	59	3,457	58.59	17	1,279	75.23	32	1,460	45.62
Hampden, .	31	972	31.35	103	5,673	55.08	22	1,635	74.32	30	962	32.06
Franklin, .	16	462	28.87	38	2,394	63.	14	1,123	80.21	16	484	30.25
Berkshire, .	20	839	41.95	40	2,493	62.32	17	1,351	79.47	14	403	28.78
Norfolk, .	62	2,198	35.45	165	8,265	50.09	33	2,358	71.45	49	1,862	38.
Bristol, .	45	1,598	35.51	130	6,048	51.13	17	1,262	75.41	42	1,998	47.57
Plymouth, .	21	805	38.33	55	3,096	56.29	16	1,193	74.56	69	3,359	48.68
Barnstable, .	8	266	33.25	66	3,449	52.25	14	1,020	72.85	21	1,206	57.42
Dukes, .	5	331	66.20	8	415	51.87	1	100	100.	5	221	44.20
Nantucket, .	6	201	33.50	18	996	55.33	6	468	78.	2	108	54.
Total, .	490	17,263	35.23	1,421	77,312	54.41	326	24,101	73.93	517	21,523	41.63
											18,922	66,380
											43.62	79,239

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS,
IN
MASSACHUSETTS,
FROM MAY 1, 1848, TO JANUARY 1, 1850.

EIGHTH REPORT

TO THE

LEGISLATURE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

RELATING TO THE

Registry and Returns

OF

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS,

IN THE

COMMONWEALTH,

FROM MAY 1, 1848, TO JAN'Y 1, 1850.

BY AMASA WALKER,

SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

BOSTON, APRIL 30, 1851.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives :

In accordance with the requirements of law, I present the Eighth Registration Report of the Births, Marriages and Deaths, as registered and returned to this office for the period of twenty months, ending with the 31st of December, 1849.

In entering upon the duties of my office in January last, I found my predecessor had employed the services of DR. JOSIAH CURTIS, of this city, to make out this Report from the returns received. By him, and under his supervision, it has been completed as given in the following pages.

On the 2d of May, 1849, the General Court so modified the Registration Laws of the Commonwealth, that each annual return to the Secretary thereafter, should comprise the twelve months ending with Dec. 31, yearly, instead of the 30th of April, as before. This act included a special provision that required the next returns to embrace the eight remaining months of 1848, (viz. from May 1,) and the twelve months of 1849. Thus it will be seen that the present report covers the whole twenty months, beginning with May 1, 1848, and ending with Dec. 31, 1849. This is not only a longer period than is embraced in any of the former reports, but also longer than will be included in any succeeding annual report, as contemplated by the present law.

Only eight towns neglected to make returns in 1849. In the last report there were twenty-eight. It seems, moreover, clearly manifest, from the fullness of the records generally, that the highly important subject of registration is constantly increasing in

favor and accuracy, as its valuable resulting truths become known. The returns were so full and complete, and the long period covered by this report so unusually severe in mortality, that it was deemed requisite to give some analyses on the terminal pages, in order to meet fully the intentions of the law.

The number of different persons included in the abstracts of births, marriages and deaths, during the period of this report, was no less than 90,810. Besides these, many were rejected from the records, in making the abstracts, because they did not come within the data limits, or were found in the returns of two different towns—having died in one and been buried in another. In the latter cases, they were received only, as from the place where the death occurred.

In abstracting, collating, combining, and arranging in a classified manner some hundred thousand persons who have passed one of the three great epochs of human existence, there has been, as will be readily seen, no small amount of labor; and this has been much increased by commingling the records of 1848 with those of 1849. To have diminished the labor would have effected a diminution in accuracy, or been at the expense of some of the facts which it seemed the law designed should be exhibited.

Respectfully submitted, by

AMASA WALKER,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

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FROM MAY 1, 1848, TO JANUARY 1, 1850.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS,

Returned to the Secretary's Office, for the Eight Months intervening May 1 and December 31,

1848:

Embracing, also, the Aggregate and Average of those returned in the three previous years.

Counties and Towns.	Population in 1840.	BIRTHS.						MAR- RIAGES.	DEATHS.			Three Years—1846 to 1848, inclusive.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																									
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NOTE.—All previous Reports terminated with the 30th of April annually. This, and all succeeding Reports under the present law, will end with December 31, yearly.

BERKSHIRE.																				
Adams,	3,703	105	62	43	-	68	14	23	8	27	16	11	-	229	24	109	114	12	53	
Alford,	481	9	5	4	-	7	2	-	-	5	4	1	-	42	4	13	14	2	4	
Becket,	1,342	18	7	11	-	16	-	-	-	8	7	8	-	20	15	14	20	7	14	
Cheshire,	985	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	
Clarksburg,	370	6	4	2	-	4	-	2	1	3	-	3	-	22	3	13	7	2	4	
Dalton,	1,255	23	11	12	-	17	6	-	4	5	4	5	1	102	7	11	34	2	11	
Egremont,	1,038	7	4	3	-	6	-	-	3	-	4	-	-	37	10	18	12	3	6	
Florida,	441	13	6	7	-	10	-	3	8	-	4	-	-	28	4	8	9	2	3	
Great Barrington,	2,704	47	27	20	-	28	7	12	-	7	8	7	3	64	4	17	64	4	17	
Hancock,	922	6	5	1	-	6	-	-	8	18	2	6	-	41	-	22	20	4	11	
Hinsdale,	955	27	14	10	-	7	13	7	-	8	5	9	-	58	9	35	29	4	18	
Lanesborough,	1,140	14	5	9	-	7	5	2	3	11	5	6	-	72	2	72	24	1	24	
Lee,	2,428	50	28	22	-	35	7	8	12	24	9	15	-	106	32	137	35	11	46	
Lenox,	1,313	13	7	6	-	9	4	-	4	11	3	8	-	100	18	69	33	6	23	
Monterey,	-	12	6	6	-	4	-	8	6	13	8	3	2	10	1	11	10	1	11	
Mount Washington,	438	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	8	2	6	-	44	2	8	15	1	3	
New Ashford,	227	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	3	9	3	3	3	
New Marlborough,	1,682	30	16	14	-	22	6	2	5	26	10	15	1	119	24	71	40	8	94	
Ota,	1,177	10	5	5	-	1	-	9	7	5	2	3	-	39	11	23	19	5	11	
Peru,	576	7	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	38	10	24	13	3	8	
Pittsfield,	3,747	90	46	44	-	69	17	4	7	46	26	20	-	248	15	262	124	7	87	
Richmond,	1,097	13	4	9	-	9	-	4	1	14	6	7	1	44	8	36	22	3	12	
Sandisfield,	1,464	13	5	8	-	9	-	4	12	8	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	3	5	
Savoy,	915	17	6	11	-	15	1	1	6	5	1	4	-	34	15	16	11	5	5	
Sheffield,	2,322	16	7	9	-	16	-	-	3	25	12	13	-	177	45	106	59	15	35	
Stockbridge,	1,992	28	12	16	-	28	-	-	-	23	13	10	-	112	9	29	56	4	29	
Tyringham,	1,477	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	4	4	2	2	-	2	6	9	2	3	4	
Washington,	991	11	4	7	-	9	2	-	1	8	3	4	1	41	4	13	20	2	7	
West Stockbridge,	1,448	51	28	23	-	5	-	46	1	22	8	14	-	162	11	48	54	5	16	
Williamstown,	2,153	47	22	25	-	19	-	28	-	22	7	14	1	99	9	73	49	3	24	
Windsor,	897	18	9	9	-	16	-	2	3	7	3	4	-	46	13	37	15	4	12	
Boston Corner,	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Totals,	41,745	703	358	342	3	451	84	168	111	389	177	202	10	2146	319	1313	927	126	527	

Births, Marriages, and Deaths, during the last eight months of 1848—Continued.

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Georgetown, -
Gloucester, -
Hamilton, -
Haverhill, -
Ipswich, -
Lawrence, -
Lynn, -
Lynnfield, -
Manchester, -
Marblehead, -
Methuen, -
Middletown, -
Newbury, -
Newburyport, -
Rockport, -
Rowley, -
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Salisbury, -
Saugus, -
Topsfield, -

702	6	3	3	-	6	-	-	-	2	-	31	-	39	21	16	13	7	5
1,736	18	8	10	-	18	-	-	-	-	13	18	-	121	39	64	40	13	21
1,530	30	18	12	-	27	1	2	11	-	5	8	-	106	32	84	35	11	28
3,958	54	29	25	-	51	1	2	13	44	26	18	-	266	92	164	88	31	54
2,471	38	13	25	-	9	-	29	12	27	11	16	-	157	48	136	52	16	45
5,207	139	70	69	-	50	25	64	22	72	37	35	-	300	111	229	150	37	76
4,639	90	48	42	-	90	-	-	38	55	28	27	-	255	78	176	128	39	88
942	11	6	5	-	11	-	-	3	16	8	8	-	84	21	50	28	7	17
2,222	10	27	21	2	50	-	-	13	30	15	15	-	149	51	130	50	17	43
5,020	132	75	57	-	123	9	-	16	74	39	35	-	634	149	258	211	10	86
1,450	24	13	11	-	21	-	3	8	38	20	18	-	94	35	77	31	12	26
1,540	28	15	13	-	-	-	28	12	16	9	5	2	146	35	70	49	12	23
6,350	167	94	73	-	157	10	-	39	83	50	33	-	607	219	452	202	73	151
818	10	6	4	-	6	-	4	5	13	4	9	-	64	21	37	21	7	12
4,336	90	47	43	-	82	7	1	43	61	22	39	-	244	124	99	122	41	33
3,000	51	17	34	-	47	3	1	17	52	29	23	-	46	60	146	15	20	49
-	166	97	69	-	25	69	72	66	53	25	27	1	216	30	110	216	30	110
-	249	115	134	-	210	23	16	63	244	101	143	-	900	267	604	300	89	201
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-	36	20	16	-	35	1	-	6	37	19	18	-	156	41	124	52	14	41
-	1,355	97	46	51	95	2	-	33	99	53	46	-	554	137	402	185	46	134
-	5,575	43	26	17	18	3	22	20	34	17	15	2	255	68	157	85	23	52
-	2,251	14	7	-	10	-	4	2	16	11	5	-	53	10	31	18	3	10
-	637	14	34	36	45	2	23	24	48	26	19	3	212	94	118	71	31	39
-	3,789	70	82	59	92	17	32	66	97	41	56	-	690	304	439	230	101	146
-	7,161	141	82	59	92	17	32	66	97	41	56	-	258	58	159	86	29	53
-	2,650	40	27	12	31	1	8	16	31	17	14	-	67	22	51	22	7	17
-	1,203	14	11	3	12	2	-	4	5	3	2	-	807	403	959	269	134	320
-	15,082	240	125	115	190	32	18	107	225	110	113	2	177	79	117	59	26	39
-	2,739	46	24	22	27	-	19	13	29	9	19	1	109	26	69	36	9	23
-	1,098	22	8	14	-	-	22	10	23	12	10	-	79	18	45	26	6	15
-	1,089	16	11	5	15	-	1	7	15	6	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Births, Marriages, and Deaths, during the last eight months of 1848—Continued.

Counties and Towns.	Population in 1840.	BIRTHS.						MAR- RIAGES.	DEATHS.						Three Years—1846 to 1848, inclusive.					
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<i>Essex—Continued.</i>																				
Wenham, -	689	15	6	9	-	4	-	11	8	13	6	1	8	17	7	8	17	7	8	13
West Newbury, -	1,560	19	13	6	-	17	2	-	5	10	6	4	5	30	12	40	30	12	13	13
Totals, -	94,987	2058	1083	972	3	1472	208	378	681	1526	740	774	12	7482	2576	5325	2781	906	1881	1881
FRANKLIN.																				
Ashfield, -	1,610	9	5	4	-	9	-	-	8	8	4	4	-	62	24	71	21	8	24	24
Barnardston, -	892	22	10	12	-	12	1	9	2	9	6	3	-	81	16	31	27	5	10	10
Buckland, -	1,084	15	10	5	-	13	1	1	7	7	7	4	-	67	19	41	22	6	14	14
Charlemont, -	1,127	14	7	7	-	14	-	-	5	10	2	8	-	70	25	40	23	8	13	13
Coleraine, -	1,971	31	13	18	-	29	-	2	9	26	14	12	-	122	27	71	41	9	24	24
Conway, -	1,409	35	19	16	-	22	2	11	8	-	-	-	-	22	-	82	53	7	27	27
Deerfield, -	1,912	-	3	2	1	-	-	-	16	9	4	5	-	30	3	8	10	1	5	7
Erving, -	309	3	2	1	-	3	-	-	9	4	5	5	-	57	16	21	19	5	7	7
Gill, -	798	14	5	9	-	13	-	1	3	16	13	2	-	36	36	23	15	6	8	8
Greenfield, -	1,756	18	10	8	-	18	-	2	8	31	5	3	-	44	17	23	15	6	4	4
Hawley, -	977	11	5	6	-	9	-	-	-	5	3	2	-	36	-	4	18	-	4	4
Heath, -	895	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	5	7	-	36	-	4	18	-	4	4
Leverett, -	875	27	10	17	-	22	-	5	8	5	-	-	-	86	10	42	29	3	14	14
Leyden, -	632	15	7	8	-	14	1	-	3	5	-	5	-	63	10	41	21	3	14	14
Monroe, -	282	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	4	7	-	2	2
Montague, -	1,255	19	9	6	-	10	-	9	-	13	4	1	8	104	20	67	35	10	22	22
New Salem, -	1,305	16	6	10	-	16	-	-	8	7	1	6	-	79	30	42	26	10	14	14
Northfield, -	1,673	26	10	10	-	14	8	4	11	47	20	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Orange,	1,501	25	16	9	-	22	1	2	15	324	152	150	22	1495	429	889	42	13	28
Rowe,	703	14	8	6	-	14	3	-	-	9	4	5	-	1	-	-	1	9	-
Shelburne,	1,022	27	12	15	-	24	-	-	8	13	8	3	-	82	28	56	27	7	19
Shutesbury,	967	9	5	4	-	9	-	-	8	3	3	3	-	17	22	19	14	4	6
Sunderland,	719	6	3	3	-	4	1	1	2	3	2	1	-	41	11	32	20	5	17
Warwick,	1,071	13	5	4	-	-	-	13	3	16	8	8	-	61	16	52	5	4	12
Wendell,	875	10	4	6	-	9	-	1	4	18	8	10	-	15	12	35	5	4	13
Whately,	1,072	19	10	9	-	19	-	-	9	13	8	5	-	70	27	55	23	9	18
Totals,	28,612	296	191	193	14	319	18	61	124	324	152	150	22	1495	429	889	516	144	301
HAMPDEN.																			
Blanford,	1,427	23	10	13	-	21	-	2	5	15	8	7	-	89	27	48	30	9	16
Brimfield,	1,419	23	13	10	-	15	1	7	3	24	12	12	-	67	31	87	22	10	29
Chester,	1,632	16	8	8	-	16	-	-	5	3	2	1	-	85	30	22	28	10	11
Chicopee,	-	69	39	30	-	41	26	2	142	120	44	76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Granville,	1,414	21	15	5	-	18	-	3	3	12	6	6	-	91	29	40	30	10	20
Holland,	423	5	5	-	-	5	-	-	4	10	6	4	-	15	11	25	7	4	8
Longmeadow,	1,270	21	10	11	-	12	5	4	6	14	7	7	-	73	19	70	24	6	23
Ludlow,	1,268	9	4	5	-	7	-	2	4	34	17	17	-	34	32	75	17	11	25
Monson,	2,151	23	13	10	-	11	-	12	12	26	11	15	-	135	35	111	45	12	37
Montgomery,	740	3	2	1	-	3	-	-	-	5	2	3	-	26	9	17	9	3	6
Palmer,	2,139	31	18	13	-	8	2	21	22	8	5	3	-	212	63	-	71	21	-
Russell,	955	11	7	4	-	8	2	1	-	4	-	4	-	26	4	9	13	2	4
Southwick,	1,214	12	9	3	-	12	-	-	3	10	3	7	-	81	14	59	27	5	20
Springfield,	10,965	190	96	94	-	132	51	7	72	102	56	46	-	1461	278	867	487	93	289
Tolland,	627	7	6	1	-	5	-	2	-	3	2	1	-	31	12	19	10	4	6
Wales,	686	5	3	2	-	5	-	-	5	5	4	1	-	41	12	38	14	4	13
West Springfield,	3,626	86	46	40	-	59	24	3	15	58	29	29	-	-	54	91	-	18	30
Westfield,	3,526	68	40	28	-	63	5	-	15	48	23	20	5	-	172	172	95	17	57
Wilbraham,	1,864	20	8	12	-	2	-	18	6	24	15	9	-	98	41	82	33	14	27
Totals,	37,366	643	352	290	1	443	116	84	323	525	252	268	5	2850	751	1832	962	253	621

Births, Marriages, and Deaths, during the last eight months of 1848—Continued.

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HAMPSHIRE.		49	21	28	-	41	1	7	21	36	14	-	219	63	125	73	21	42	
- Amherst,	2,550	22	21	-	34	-	9	27	13	13	1	130	66	111	43	22	37	37	
- Belchertown,	2,554	14	8	6	-	11	-	3	12	2	10	22	15	38	22	7	19	7	
- Chesterfield,	1,132	15	5	10	-	14	1	-	4	6	6	9	37	21	4	12	4	7	
- Cunningham,	1,237	11	8	3	-	7	-	4	16	4	10	2	13	12	41	13	4	14	
- Easthampton,	717	15	10	5	-	1	-	14	11	3	8	-	78	37	42	26	12	14	
- Enfield,	976	8	3	5	-	8	-	2	5	3	2	-	43	11	21	14	4	7	
- Goheen,	556	14	10	4	-	12	-	6	27	7	20	-	45	13	50	15	4	17	
- Granby,	971	16	9	7	-	16	-	6	8	4	4	-	157	24	94	52	6	15	
- Greenwich,	824	49	23	26	-	42	1	-	22	11	11	-	157	24	94	52	12	31	
- Hadley,	1,814	18	9	9	-	15	3	-	10	4	6	-	81	11	52	27	4	17	
- Hatfield,	983	10	7	3	-	10	-	-	5	3	2	-	57	19	29	19	6	10	
- Middlefield,	1,717	60	29	31	-	46	11	3	66	36	30	-	301	44	224	100	15	75	
- Northampton,	3,750	7	5	2	-	7	-	3	5	3	2	-	37	4	21	19	2	10	
- Norwich,	750	6	1	5	-	3	-	4	6	3	6	-	18	21	-	18	7	-	
- Pelham,	956	10	3	6	1	6	-	4	5	3	1	1	50	16	39	17	5	13	
- Plainfield,	910	13	5	8	-	7	-	6	9	5	4	-	41	17	36	14	6	12	
- Prescott,	780	22	14	8	-	18	2	2	46	18	21	7	106	36	73	35	12	24	
- South Hadley,	1,458	14	6	6	2	14	-	-	10	5	5	-	56	28	61	19	9	20	
- Southampton,	1,157	45	24	21	-	10	10	25	69	30	39	-	212	83	31	71	28	31	
- Ware,	1,890	9	4	5	-	8	-	1	10	4	6	-	44	6	64	43	2	14	
- Westhampton,	759	21	5	16	-	19	2	-	14	6	8	-	74	13	72	25	4	24	
- Williamsburg,	1,309	19	12	7	-	18	-	1	16	3	13	-	101	26	51	34	9	17	
- Worthington,	1,197	488	243	242	3	367	31	90	461	209	241	11	1931	619	1321	717	213	470	
- Totals,	30,897																		

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Acton,	27	17	10	4	1	24	2	1	5	31	9	9	13	-	44	8	22
Ashby,	10	5	4	12	1	9	1	1	6	13	6	5	2	-	66	10	22
Ashland,	26	14	12	4	25	17	1	-	4	13	6	7	7	24	23	7	22
Bedford,	17	13	4	6	17	6	-	4	3	15	7	8	-	22	55	8	18
Billerica,	5	5	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	1	28	71	4	24
Borborough,	40	18	21	6	1	3	14	23	5	16	12	4	-	60	19	26	6
Brighton,	15	9	6	9	1	9	6	-	5	19	5	4	-	78	23	8	26
Burlington,	278	139	138	1	1	6	-	278	55	173	84	89	-	428	555	66	185
Cambridge,	7	4	3	3	11	6	-	1	1	7	4	3	-	11	18	321	6
Carlisle,	556	195	178	11	-	-	-	384	55	221	103	112	6	501	964	109	321
Charlestown,	384	17	12	-	-	-	3	3	12	22	13	8	-	46	76	13	25
Chelmsford,	1,637	29	10	12	1	23	-	23	12	31	18	13	-	56	76	14	25
Concord,	1,784	23	10	12	1	-	-	21	17	20	11	9	-	52	34	45	17
Dacot,	2,188	38	22	16	16	16	1	1	1	6	4	2	-	9	24	4	8
Dunstable,	603	4	2	2	-	4	3	-	16	24	15	9	-	91	47	15	23
Framingham,	3,030	51	22	29	-	8	3	40	4	23	12	11	-	34	80	13	27
Groton,	2,139	48	23	25	-	44	3	1	4	23	12	11	-	57	92	14	31
Holliston,	1,782	22	13	9	-	17	3	2	9	2	1	1	-	53	90	13	30
Hopkinton,	2,245	33	16	17	-	25	8	-	4	18	10	8	-	27	66	13	22
Lexington,	1,642	23	12	11	-	13	-	10	10	14	4	8	2	12	28	5	9
Lincoln,	686	10	5	5	-	9	1	-	7	3	1	2	-	4	50	7	17
Littleton,	927	2	-	2	-	2	-	-	3	10	5	5	-	8	15	16	85
Lowell,	20,796	521	281	240	-	-	-	523	345	627	299	326	2	2145	2056	546	685
Malden,	2,514	62	35	27	-	62	-	-	19	68	34	33	1	195	156	24	52
Marlborough,	2,104	63	32	31	-	59	3	1	12	21	11	9	1	131	80	19	27
Medford,	2,478	46	25	21	-	18	-	28	11	62	25	37	-	249	133	18	44
Natick,	1,285	40	22	18	-	36	4	-	7	46	22	24	12	139	67	14	22
Newton,	3,351	56	30	26	-	37	15	4	22	58	23	23	-	9	189	18	63
Pepperell,	1,571	6	38	22	-	2	4	4	4	28	13	15	-	106	53	11	21
Reading,	2,193	60	38	22	-	50	4	6	16	31	16	15	-	203	120	19	40
Sherburne,	995	16	5	11	-	12	4	-	2	11	1	10	-	70	25	8	13
Shirley,	957	10	4	6	-	8	2	-	11	9	5	4	-	80	80	27	27
Somerville,	-	34	13	21	-	26	8	-	5	12	6	6	-	51	-	13	-
South Reading,	1,517	33	18	15	-	9	2	12	11	47	23	17	7	113	74	15	25

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Canton,	38	17	21	-	21	7	10	13	25	11	13	1	93	46	122	31	15	41
Cobasset,	26	8	18	-	25	1	-	13	21	18	13	-	97	47	192	31	16	23
Deedham,	59	34	27	21	27	11	-	21	40	8	13	-	266	107	183	89	36	61
Dorchester,	152	64	85	3	104	45	3	39	69	33	36	-	674	148	408	225	49	136
Dover,	530	7	1	6	4	-	3	2	7	2	5	-	22	19	28	7	6	9
Foxborough,	1,298	42	18	24	-	38	2	2	32	15	17	-	136	49	73	45	16	24
Franklin,	1,717	31	11	20	-	27	4	-	26	10	16	-	124	34	59	41	11	20
Medfield,	883	17	9	8	-	16	-	3	16	3	13	-	51	16	44	17	5	15
Medway,	2,043	46	19	26	1	41	3	18	24	10	14	-	180	77	65	60	26	22
Milton,	1,922	35	17	18	-	17	5	7	24	13	11	-	153	35	76	51	12	25
Needham,	1,488	30	21	9	-	35	8	25	22	10	10	2	124	30	63	41	10	21
Quincy,	3,486	66	35	31	-	10	1	7	68	29	34	5	416	90	172	139	30	57
Roxford,	3,213	50	25	25	-	31	19	10	44	22	22	-	396	64	208	132	21	69
Roxbury,	9,089	398	201	197	-	-	398	87	317	176	139	2	1420	278	609	473	93	304
Sharon,	1,076	11	6	5	-	-	11	8	9	5	4	-	60	22	44	20	7	15
Stoughton,	2,142	61	32	29	-	-	61	39	50	25	25	-	263	121	102	88	41	34
Walpole,	1,491	30	17	13	-	24	5	12	18	8	10	-	80	39	41	27	13	14
Weymouth,	3,738	103	55	48	-	90	13	33	66	33	33	-	439	117	183	146	39	61
Wrentham,	2,915	36	21	15	-	-	36	7	20	10	10	-	208	63	97	69	21	32
Totals,	53,140	1315	647	663	5	526	143	382	934	457	466	11	5508	1489	2712	1858	502	1012
PLYMOUTH.																		
Abington,	3,214	59	26	33	-	35	2	30	40	18	22	-	91	43	65	91	43	65
Bridgewater,	2,131	28	13	15	-	-	28	6	23	7	16	-	159	43	83	53	14	28
Carver,	3,995	18	8	10	-	18	-	4	19	5	14	-	61	11	-	20	4	-
Duxbury,	2,798	23	9	12	2	19	-	16	21	10	11	-	-	32	-	-	11	-
East Bridgewater,	1,950	43	27	16	-	16	-	10	26	13	11	2	156	51	68	52	17	23
Halifax,	734	17	7	10	-	16	-	4	14	4	9	1	81	18	43	27	6	14
Hatover,	1,488	21	15	6	-	2	-	8	18	13	5	-	76	34	58	25	11	19
Hanson,	1,040	19	10	9	-	19	-	4	3	1	2	-	53	33	42	18	11	14
Hingham,	3,564	59	26	33	-	47	8	18	48	26	22	-	245	91	146	82	30	49
Hull,	231	5	3	2	-	3	-	-	1	1	-	-	7	3	2	2	1	1
Kingston,	1,440	16	10	6	-	15	-	9	24	11	13	-	114	42	45	38	14	15
Marshfield,	1,761	23	10	13	-	22	1	10	16	7	9	-	121	33	72	40	11	24

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Blackstone,	-	9	10	-	1	9	12	3	9	-	84	22	48	28	7	16
Bolton,	1,186	12	3	-	-	-	10	4	5	-	41	17	46	20	6	15
Boylston,	797	20	12	-	-	8	17	11	6	-	168	54	121	56	18	40
Brookfield,	2,472	15	12	-	8	11	19	8	11	-	32	38	90	11	13	30
Charlton,	2,117	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	57	11	19	28	5	9
Dana,	691	12	13	-	-	1	31	13	17	1	143	44	78	48	15	26
Douglas,	1,617	9	11	-	-	4	79	5	13	-	98	26	58	33	9	19
Dudley,	1,352	47	37	-	20	27	18	39	37	3	331	113	260	110	38	87
Fitchburg,	2,604	28	15	-	12	14	18	2	5	-	131	38	80	44	13	27
Gardner,	1,260	24	19	-	-	29	48	24	24	-	331	87	145	110	29	48
Grafton,	2,943	13	6	-	38	8	20	9	11	-	102	36	80	34	12	27
Hardwick,	1,789	7	15	-	3	9	23	7	14	1	81	26	95	27	9	32
Harvard,	1,571	22	11	-	1	7	22	11	12	-	194	50	102	65	17	34
Holden,	1,874	48	19	-	-	9	17	11	6	-	153	45	102	51	15	34
Hubbardsston,	1,784	11	11	-	-	7	31	8	12	11	35	85	95	12	28	32
Lancaster,	2,019	8	8	-	16	19	30	16	14	-	130	48	102	43	16	34
Leicester,	1,707	14	6	-	14	9	23	10	11	2	194	51	133	65	17	44
Leominster,	2,059	30	22	1	52	14	23	10	11	-	42	22	62	14	7	21
Lunenburg,	1,272	2	9	-	11	10	7	2	5	-	100	11	59	33	4	20
Mendon,	3,524	7	13	-	73	28	29	15	14	-	213	79	113	71	26	38
Millford,	1,773	73	35	-	1	12	45	29	16	-	195	62	139	65	21	46
Millbury,	2,171	18	13	-	1	1	11	5	6	-	44	9	48	15	3	16
New Braintree,	752	3	4	-	20	8	15	2	8	-	108	31	81	36	10	27
Northborough,	1,248	20	7	-	47	5	32	7	10	-	33	42	57	11	14	19
Northbridge,	1,449	48	26	-	1	5	16	11	5	-	195	52	88	65	17	29
North Brookfield,	1,485	38	19	-	3	10	16	11	3	1	68	31	49	23	10	16
Oakham,	1,038	11	7	-	1	2	37	6	2	-	43	54	79	22	18	26
Oxford,	1,742	4	3	-	3	4	13	1	12	-	84	14	42	28	5	14
Paxton,	670	10	5	-	1	10	12	5	7	-	83	27	58	28	9	19
Petersham,	1,775	10	3	-	-	2	13	6	6	1	37	8	25	18	4	12
Phillipston,	919	13	7	-	-	8	15	9	6	-	96	27	65	32	7	22
Princeton,	1,347	24	14	-	5	10	21	8	15	-	75	38	79	25	13	26
Royalston,	1,667	23	9	-	3	11	12	6	4	-	78	32	76	26	11	25
Rutland,	1,260	21	12	-	-	11	21	8	13	-	84	22	85	28	7	28
Shrewsbury,	1,481	9	11	-	20	11	21	8	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Southborough,	1,145	28	16	12	-	23	4	1	6	15	5	10	70	30	80	23	10	27		
Southbridge,	2,031	2	1	1	-	2	-	-	13	50	20	30	138	50	101	46	17	34		
Spencer,	1,604	26	17	9	-	10	2	14	5	27	18	9	150	34	63	50	11	23		
Sterling,	1,647	24	14	10	-	19	2	3	14	12	4	8	116	37	84	39	12	28		
Sturbridge,	2,005	21	14	7	-	18	-	3	8	26	15	11	157	35	98	52	12	33		
Sutton,	2,370	24	13	11	-	12	-	12	10	28	14	14	155	47	110	52	16	37		
Templeton,	1,776	37	23	14	-	-	-	37	8	17	7	10	67	39	90	22	13	30		
Upton,	1,466	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Uxbridge,	2,004	37	25	12	-	25	9	3	8	28	16	11	176	66	127	59	22	42		
Warren,	1,290	43	21	22	-	35	5	3	8	44	17	27	138	30	74	46	10	25		
Webster,	1,403	24	10	14	-	12	2	10	15	21	13	8	118	33	68	39	11	23		
Westborough,	1,638	31	19	12	-	29	2	-	5	28	12	16	119	22	103	40	7	34		
West Boylston,	1,187	28	14	14	-	19	9	-	9	22	10	12	150	44	88	50	15	29		
West Brookfield,	-	13	8	5	-	12	1	-	10	12	8	4	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Westminster,	1,645	26	11	15	-	25	1	-	5	14	7	7	64	41	94	21	14	31		
Winchendon,	1,754	33	18	13	2	-	-	33	12	18	9	9	134	67	65	45	22	22		
Worcester,	7,497	272	156	116	-	13	2	257	73	295	158	137	1197	323	962	399	108	321		
Totals,	95,313	1709	927	776	6	815	80	814	591	1562	769	770	7709	2477	5667	2600	831	1905		

RECAPITULATION.

COUNTIES.	441	224	216	1	397	19	25	148	327	167	158	2	1836	655	1164	632	222	392
Barnstable, -	32,548	703	358	342	3	451	84	168	389	177	202	10	2146	319	1313	927	126	527
Berkshire, -	41,745	1333	709	624	-	630	49	654	836	377	428	31	5515	1519	2618	1970	525	882
Bristol, -	60,165	54	29	25	-	51	1	2	44	26	18	-	266	92	164	88	31	54
Dukes, -	3,958	1083	972	3	1472	208	378	681	1526	740	774	12	7482	2576	5325	2781	906	1881
Essex, -	94,987	398	191	188	14	319	18	61	324	152	150	22	1495	429	889	516	144	301
Franklin, -	28,812	643	352	290	1	443	116	84	525	252	268	5	2850	751	1832	962	253	621
Hampden, -	37,366	488	243	242	3	367	31	90	461	209	241	11	1931	619	1321	717	213	470
Hampshire, -	30,897	2412	1266	1131	15	810	125	1477	2020	964	1004	52	9466	3821	6511	3314	1294	2191
Middlesex, -	106,611	107	58	49	-	102	5	55	78	37	38	3	637	223	506	212	74	169
Nantucket, -	9,012	1315	647	663	5	526	143	646	934	457	466	11	5508	1489	2712	1858	502	1012
Norfolk, -	53,140	731	361	357	13	536	25	170	539	248	286	5	2750	876	1499	1032	345	570
Plymouth, -	47,373	148	80	65	3	7	29	112	91	52	38	1	507	94	238	188	31	79
Suffolk, -	95,773	1709	927	776	6	815	80	814	1562	763	770	23	7709	2477	5667	2600	831	1906
Worcester, -	95,313							591										
Totals, -	737,700	12,540	6528	5945	67	6328	933	4681	9656	4627	4841	188	50,098	16,940	31,759	17,797	5497	11,066
Total after deducting Suffolk County, -	641,927	12,392	6446	5880	64	6919	904	4569	9565	4575	4803	187	49,591	16,846	31,521	17,608	5466	10,976

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS,

Returned to the Secretary's Office, for the year ending December 31,

1849.

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ESSEX.	3,143	67	43	25	-	30	1	36	34	12	-	22	37	21	16	-	37	1410	38.10
Amesbury, -	-	-	-	77	-	109	31	19	32	19	2	11	121	60	59	2	117	3482	29.76
Andover, -	-	159	82	84	-	165	4	-	43	40	-	3	82	33	49	-	117	3079	24.90
Beverly, -	-	20	5	15	-	20	-	3	7	7	-	-	19	11	8	-	19	777	40.91
Boxford, -	-	982	41	21	-	58	20	-	19	15	3	1	45	26	19	-	146	1285	28.56
Bradford, -	-	1,328	63	41	1	184	20	-	35	27	1	7	147	66	81	-	146	3258	22.31
Danvers, -	-	8,110	204	97	107	-	23	5	10	9	1	-	18	8	10	-	18	847	47.07
Essex, -	-	1,585	28	16	12	-	40	6	11	8	-	3	34	17	17	-	34	872	25.64
Georgetown, -	-	2,052	48	20	28	-	170	14	63	57	6	-	175	99	74	2	168	3989	23.74
Gloucester, -	-	7,805	185	117	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Groveland, -	-	1,286	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	4	1	-	14	7	7	-	14	760	54.32
Hamilton, -	-	889	20	10	10	-	18	-	55	12	1	42	88	31	56	-	87	3116	35.81
Haverhill, -	-	5,877	141	76	65	-	129	12	17	8	-	9	62	34	28	-	59	2456	41.62
Ipswich, -	-	3,349	66	36	30	-	57	4	114	14	19	81	174	79	94	1	172	2215	12.88
Lawrence, -	-	8,983	277	147	130	-	105	141	133	40	13	80	288	146	141	1	286	6235	21.80
Lynn, -	-	14,257	341	177	164	-	305	28	1	1	-	-	20	13	7	-	18	490	27.21
Lynnfield, -	-	1,723	15	3	12	-	13	-	1	1	-	-	32	10	22	-	31	1354	43.67
Manchester, -	-	1,638	41	19	22	-	39	1	51	51	-	-	120	53	67	-	120	4015	33.46
Marblehead, -	-	6,167	154	86	68	-	149	5	33	19	4	10	57	27	24	6	57	1705	29.92
Methuen, -	-	2,543	48	22	26	-	21	2	3	3	-	-	15	10	5	-	14	566	40.45
Middleton, -	-	832	20	11	9	-	20	-	26	22	-	4	83	29	41	3	76	2444	32.16
Newbury, -	-	4,426	104	55	49	-	103	1	115	68	24	28	161	74	87	-	160	6308	33.43
Newburyport, -	-	9,572	123	55	68	-	80	23	20	30	2	-	71	37	33	1	67	1567	29.39
Rockport, -	-	3,255	81	45	28	8	72	4	32	30	2	-	31	10	20	1	27	1073	39.73
Rowley, -	-	1,075	39	20	19	-	38	-	8	8	-	-	429	205	216	8	427	11991	28.08
Salem, -	-	20,263	468	239	229	-	370	82	162	90	68	4	42	16	26	-	39	1404	36.01
Salisbury, -	-	3,100	64	28	35	1	51	2	16	10	1	6	38	22	16	-	37	972	26.26
Saugus, -	-	1,552	38	21	11	1	-	33	14	12	1	1	11	7	4	-	11	567	51.52
Topsfield, -	-	1,171	25	12	13	-	24	-	8	4	-	-	9	5	4	-	9	375	41.66
Wenham, -	-	977	28	10	18	-	13	-	20	9	-	11	27	11	16	-	26	1125	43.28
West Newbury, -	-	1,746	29	15	14	-	24	5	14	11	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals, -	131,307	3060	1591	1458	11	2430	394	236	1062	611	149	322	2450	1177	1247	26	2401	63,451	28.93

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		Whole number.	SEX.			PARENTAGE.			Whole number.	NATIVITY.			Whole number.	SEX.			No.	AGE.	
			M.	F.	U.	Am.	For.	U.		M.	F.	U.		Aggro. No.	Average.				
FRANKLIN.																			
Ashfield,	1,394	12	6	5	1	12	-	3	11	8	-	3	29	15	14	-	29	1070	36.89
Bernardston,	937	27	15	12	-	22	2	5	5	5	-	2	14	5	9	-	14	473	33.75
Buckland,	1,056	16	8	8	-	9	2	5	12	10	-	2	25	6	17	2	21	622	29.60
Charlemont,	1,173	26	12	14	-	22	1	3	5	5	-	-	8	3	5	-	8	362	45.23
Coleraine,	1,785	48	22	24	2	36	-	12	15	15	-	-	34	14	20	-	33	1301	39.41
Conway,	1,831	67	40	27	-	57	3	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deerfield,	2,421	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	4	-	2	59	21	35	3	57	2016	35.38
Erving,	449	11	4	6	1	10	1	-	1	1	-	-	10	4	5	1	10	176	17.61
Gill,	754	12	7	5	-	12	-	-	3	2	-	1	11	2	9	-	11	528	47.98
Greenfield,	2,580	69	36	30	3	-	-	69	8	2	1	5	27	12	12	3	23	521	22.65
Hawley,	881	15	4	11	-	7	-	8	-	-	-	-	10	5	5	-	10	241	24.13
Heath,	803	15	8	7	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Leverett,	948	26	12	14	-	26	-	-	11	10	-	1	11	5	6	-	10	477	47.68
Leyden,	716	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	12	6	6	-	12	435	36.23
Monroe,	254	10	4	6	-	10	-	-	-	2	-	-	3	2	1	-	3	23	7.56
Montague,	1,518	37	19	13	5	11	3	23	5	5	-	-	31	8	19	4	31	1061	34.22
New Salem,	1,253	28	15	13	-	28	-	-	15	15	-	-	25	9	16	-	23	848	36.88
Northfield,	1,772	44	23	15	6	27	11	6	16	13	-	3	27	14	13	-	13	549	42.23
Orange,	1,700	56	34	22	-	54	1	1	12	11	-	1	39	17	22	-	38	1168	30.73
Rowe,	659	23	12	11	-	21	-	2	-	-	-	-	10	5	5	-	10	408	40.79
Shelburne,	1,239	20	9	11	-	16	2	2	12	12	-	-	25	15	10	-	25	786	31.42
Shutesbury,	912	15	8	7	-	15	-	-	3	3	-	-	14	8	6	-	14	259	18.51
Sunderland,	792	25	9	15	1	21	3	1	6	6	-	-	16	8	8	-	16	473	29.59
Warwick,	1,021	28	14	12	2	24	-	4	10	8	-	2	19	10	9	-	17	601	35.37

Wendell, -	920	11	7	4	-	8	3	-	4	4	-	-	20	7	13	-	20	920	46.00
Whately, -	1,101	18	14	4	-	17	1	-	3	3	-	-	16	9	7	-	16	374	23.38
Totals, -	30,869	659	342	296	21	480	33	146	165	144	1	20	495	210	272	13	464	15,690	33.82
HAMPDEN.																			
Blandford, -	1,418	31	17	13	1	28	1	2	11	11	-	-	35	22	13	-	34	1435	42.20
Brinfield, -	1,421	28	10	18	-	19	3	6	14	13	-	1	17	5	11	1	17	679	29.92
Chester, -	1,521	33	19	14	-	32	1	-	11	10	1	-	15	7	8	-	15	451	30.05
Chicopee, -	8,291	208	101	107	-	180	73	5	153	39	106	8	288	131	154	3	284	5987	17.91
Granville, -	1,305	23	19	4	-	19	-	4	8	8	-	-	28	15	11	2	28	1253	44.73
Holland, -	449	16	8	8	-	15	1	-	5	5	-	-	6	2	4	-	6	409	68.17
Holyoke, -	3,245	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Longmeadow, -	1,252	23	10	13	1	18	1	4	3	2	-	1	25	14	11	-	25	968	38.65
Ludlow, -	1,186	27	17	10	-	17	-	10	10	2	-	8	9	7	2	-	9	469	52.11
Monson, -	2,681	48	29	19	-	37	4	7	14	11	-	3	37	20	17	-	37	1588	42.92
Montgomery, -	393	8	4	4	-	7	-	1	3	3	-	-	3	2	1	-	3	102	34.07
Palmer, -	3,974	98	59	34	5	38	4	56	23	2	-	21	72	35	35	2	68	1771	26.05
Russell, -	521	8	6	2	-	8	-	-	2	2	-	-	13	6	6	1	13	326	25.10
Southwick, -	1,120	28	17	11	-	28	2	-	4	4	-	-	23	13	10	-	23	812	35.31
Springfield, -	11,766	410	185	225	-	235	152	23	156	16	23	117	320	161	159	-	316	5384	17.04
Tolland, -	594	15	6	9	-	11	-	4	2	1	-	1	8	4	4	-	8	363	45.37
Wales, -	711	15	7	8	-	7	-	8	6	-	-	6	11	6	5	-	11	369	33.56
Westfield, -	4,181	99	49	50	-	91	8	-	25	14	-	11	83	44	36	3	83	2749	33.12
West Springfield, -	2,979	197	100	96	1	92	105	-	25	9	-	16	164	86	78	-	154	3883	25.22
Wilbraham, -	2,127	44	23	21	-	21	1	22	14	11	-	3	41	20	21	-	40	1345	33.04
Totals, -	51,285	1359	686	665	8	851	356	152	489	163	130	196	1198	600	586	12	1174	29,442	25.08
HAMPSHIRE.																			
Amherst, -	3,052	63	41	21	1	63	-	-	18	15	-	3	67	34	33	-	66	2009	30.45
Belchertown, -	2,680	44	27	16	1	41	1	2	15	15	-	-	35	19	15	1	32	977	30.54
Chesterfield, -	1,014	27	10	17	-	23	1	3	7	7	-	-	19	6	13	-	19	626	32.92
Cumington, -	1,172	39	24	15	-	38	1	-	9	9	-	-	19	7	12	-	19	646	34.00
Eastampton, -	1,342	15	10	5	-	8	1	6	4	4	-	-	15	7	8	-	15	718	47.87

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<i>Hampshire—Contind.</i>																		
Enfield, -	1,036	25	15	10	-	-	-	25	7	-	1	13	1	27	1013	37.51		
Gosden, -	512	7	4	3	-	7	-	-	2	-	-	4	2	6	255	42.47		
Granby, -	1,095	13	2	11	-	13	-	-	3	-	-	5	13	18	619	34.42		
Greenwich, -	838	18	9	9	-	18	-	-	6	-	-	14	11	25	789	31.55		
Hadley, -	1,986	50	26	24	-	48	2	-	8	-	4	26	19	44	948	21.54		
Harfield, -	1,073	37	28	9	-	36	1	-	3	-	-	17	10	16	469	29.29		
Middlefield, -	737	14	7	7	-	14	-	-	2	-	-	2	6	8	196	24.46		
Northampton, -	5,278	152	88	64	-	107	41	4	26	1	1	61	60	121	3045	25.18		
Norwich, -	756	17	10	7	-	17	-	-	2	-	-	8	4	8	234	29.37		
Pelham, -	983	13	5	8	-	9	-	-	3	-	2	4	3	4	133	33.20		
Plainfield, -	814	11	5	6	-	6	-	5	7	-	2	9	5	14	756	54.01		
Prescott, -	737	11	5	6	-	6	-	5	3	-	2	7	7	14	721	51.53		
South Hadley, -	2,491	66	43	20	3	47	11	8	12	1	4	28	28	50	1002	20.04		
Southampton, -	1,060	13	8	5	-	-	-	13	13	-	13	11	13	24	871	36.30		
Ware, -	3,785	78	37	40	1	37	22	19	30	6	8	37	26	63	859	13.64		
Westhampton, -	602	11	6	5	-	9	1	1	12	10	2	11	9	11	556	50.53		
Williamsburg, -	1,537	43	23	20	-	35	6	2	9	1	3	20	11	20	563	28.12		
Worthington, -	1,134	29	16	13	-	28	1	-	-	-	5	9	11	20	743	37.13		
Totals, -	35,714	786	445	335	6	604	89	93	236	183	9	326	328	6	644	18,748	29.11	

MIDDLESEX.

Acton,	1,605	40	16	24	-	38	2	-	6	12	1	-	11	25	11	7	7	24	986	41.09
Ashby,	1,218	24	15	9	-	17	1	-	1	11	9	-	2	20	11	8	1	18	486	26.99
Ashland,	1,304	26	15	11	-	23	2	-	1	8	4	-	1	19	10	9	-	19	276	14.55
Bedford,	975	13	5	8	-	13	3	-	6	8	7	-	-	22	9	13	-	22	811	36.85
Billericay,	1,646	22	14	8	-	13	3	-	-	8	7	-	-	23	11	12	-	23	1036	45.02
Borborough,	386	9	5	4	-	9	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	11	5	6	-	11	333	32.12
Brighton,	2,356	57	29	27	-	20	21	-	16	8	5	-	3	24	8	16	-	23	532	25.32
Burlington,	547	17	8	9	-	15	1	-	1	6	6	-	-	9	2	7	-	9	425	47.27
Cambridge,	15,215	446	228	218	-	181	76	-	189	125	11	-	3	281	153	128	-	281	5628	20.03
Carlisle,	719	12	8	4	-	5	1	-	6	2	2	-	-	14	4	10	-	14	366	26.13
Charlestown,	17,216	584	296	280	-	167	149	-	268	110	16	-	81	382	192	187	-	380	8471	22.29
Chelmsford,	2,098	63	33	30	-	59	4	-	-	17	5	-	3	45	19	26	-	45	1470	32.67
Concord,	2,249	55	29	26	-	-	-	-	55	17	13	-	4	37	16	21	-	37	1532	41.94
Dracut,	3,503	67	36	31	-	33	13	-	21	18	5	-	13	83	17	16	-	33	910	27.57
Dunstable,	590	7	4	3	-	6	-	-	1	2	2	-	-	7	3	4	-	7	316	49.04
Framingham,	4,235	83	36	33	-	17	31	-	35	22	9	-	13	35	17	18	-	35	942	26.92
Groton,	2,515	58	26	32	-	50	6	-	2	13	8	-	-	43	22	21	-	42	1863	44.35
Holliston,	2,428	65	30	35	-	56	4	-	5	11	10	-	1	43	22	21	-	43	1472	34.22
Hopkinton,	2,801	69	33	36	-	60	6	-	8	16	14	-	1	45	21	24	-	44	871	19.79
Lexington,	1,894	28	14	14	-	18	1	-	9	9	4	-	5	57	25	32	-	56	1583	28.26
Lincoln,	632	14	4	10	-	14	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	11	6	5	-	11	291	26.50
Littleton,	991	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	8	2	6	-	8	306	38.25
Lowell,	33,385	939	496	439	-	600	305	-	34	398	184	-	118	903	448	454	-	903	17489	19.35
Malden,	3,520	90	48	41	-	90	-	-	-	19	-	-	19	39	18	21	-	39	999	25.62
Marlborough,	2,941	82	41	41	-	76	6	-	-	29	28	-	1	25	14	11	-	25	1119	44.77
Medford,	3,749	75	36	36	-	27	-	-	48	28	26	-	2	85	43	42	-	85	1406	16.55
Melrose,	1,260	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Natick,	2,744	68	30	38	-	61	7	-	-	12	12	-	-	41	20	21	-	41	1000	24.38
Newton,	5,258	125	67	53	-	63	45	-	11	14	1	-	13	66	38	27	-	64	1799	28.10
Pepperell,	1,754	33	16	15	-	33	3	-	-	9	7	-	-	30	13	12	-	27	1058	39.17
Reading,	3,108	82	52	30	-	70	7	-	5	26	20	-	6	54	30	24	-	33	1700	32.07
Sherburne,	1,043	16	9	17	-	8	1	-	7	10	8	-	1	17	3	14	-	17	431	25.33
Shirley,	1,155	28	11	17	-	25	3	-	3	5	5	-	-	29	13	16	-	29	914	31.53
Somerville,	3,540	84	45	39	-	58	24	-	2	7	7	-	-	27	14	13	-	27	489	18.10

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<i>Middlesex—Continued.</i>																			
South Reading,	2,407	51	28	21	2	37	5	9	7	2	-	5	31	10	16	5	20	727	36.36
Stonham,	2,085	35	16	19	-	28	-	7	15	10	-	5	18	5	12	1	12	296	24.67
Stow,	1,455	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	7	-	-	7	4	3	1	-	4	111	27.79
Sudbury,	1,578	38	18	20	-	28	2	-	12	12	-	-	24	14	10	-	24	1067	44.47
Tewksbury,	1,043	25	11	14	-	23	2	-	2	2	-	-	15	11	4	-	15	596	39.75
Townsend,	1,947	52	23	22	1	25	8	19	18	18	-	-	36	21	15	-	35	1715	49.00
Tyngsborough,	799	18	12	6	-	15	1	2	4	4	-	-	22	10	12	-	22	711	32.33
Walham,	4,464	120	37	79	4	64	45	11	12	2	-	10	76	46	30	-	74	1928	26.06
Watertown,	2,837	90	40	50	-	54	35	1	17	2	-	13	47	21	26	-	46	1118	24.31
Wayland,	1,115	35	16	19	-	4	2	29	8	1	-	8	14	5	9	-	14	698	49.12
West Cambridge,	2,202	63	27	31	5	-	63	3	16	1	-	15	59	28	27	4	58	1363	23.50
Westford,	1,473	50	31	18	1	40	8	2	6	6	-	2	14	6	8	-	14	594	42.45
Weston,	1,205	23	10	13	-	17	6	-	7	5	-	2	10	3	7	-	10	290	28.98
Wilmington,	876	22	14	8	-	19	2	1	3	2	-	1	20	7	13	-	20	686	34.28
Winchester,	1,353	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Woburn,	3,954	146	70	75	1	59	9	78	23	22	1	-	79	39	40	-	79	2051	25.96
Totals,	161,385	4150	2094	2004	52	2245	832	953	1132	527	125	480	2979	1469	1482	28	2942	73,321	94.92
NANTUCKET.																			
Nantucket,	8,452	101	49	52	-	99	2	-	43	43	-	-	118	60	52	6	113	3855	84.11

NORFOLK.

Bellingham,	27	17	10	-	16	2	9	6	3	14	8	10	1	13	286	30.50
Bintree,	39	25	14	-	37	2	-	14	11	29	15	14	-	28	1184	42.39
Brookline,	67	30	37	-	38	20	9	10	9	43	22	18	-	43	1230	22.60
Canton,	84	38	45	1	38	36	10	15	11	61	25	23	-	60	1504	25.06
Cohasset,	53	24	29	-	49	4	-	15	14	26	14	12	-	26	1153	44.35
Dorchester,	107	57	50	-	58	36	13	25	23	81	48	33	-	80	2779	24.74
Dorchester,	292	157	130	5	179	104	9	43	27	150	72	78	-	147	2794	19.01
Dover,	15	9	6	-	14	1	1	6	5	10	9	1	-	10	183	18.31
Foxborough,	60	36	24	-	50	8	2	11	10	37	16	21	-	36	662	18.40
Franklin,	40	20	20	-	37	8	-	12	12	26	12	16	-	27	1013	37.53
Medfield,	96	19	13	-	19	-	-	4	3	13	6	7	-	12	619	51.56
Medway,	79	39	40	-	67	10	2	35	22	50	23	27	-	47	1868	29.10
Milton,	74	38	36	-	64	16	24	16	16	33	17	16	-	33	968	29.34
Needham,	54	23	30	1	28	5	21	11	10	34	14	18	2	34	984	28.93
Quincy,	148	75	71	2	40	24	84	26	14	87	41	44	2	84	1713	20.39
Randolph,	128	59	69	-	90	38	-	21	20	88	36	52	-	86	2291	26.04
Roxbury,	554	281	278	-	118	253	183	129	16	404	201	197	6	399	8831	22.13
Sharon,	28	22	6	-	-	-	28	6	-	31	13	18	-	30	1150	26.34
Stoughton,	96	52	43	1	-	-	96	36	36	69	28	41	-	68	1822	26.79
Walpole,	54	31	23	-	46	6	2	9	5	25	12	13	-	25	983	29.31
Weymouth,	181	89	91	2	163	15	3	40	35	91	42	47	2	91	1953	21.46
Wrentham,	32	13	19	-	-	-	32	21	21	23	13	10	-	23	960	41.74
Totals,	2231	1147	1072	12	1121	582	526	510	322	1427	682	722	13	1404	36,540	26.03

PLYMOUTH.

Abington,	110	51	59	-	75	7	28	36	25	84	37	47	-	84	2524	30.05
Bridgewater,	33	14	19	-	-	-	33	19	12	19	4	15	-	19	655	34.49
Carver,	23	11	12	-	22	-	1	8	7	40	20	20	-	40	1330	33.26
Duxbury,	17	8	7	2	13	-	4	18	15	15	5	5	-	12	141	11.73
East Bridgewater,	63	50	33	-	64	1	18	26	14	26	13	15	-	28	817	29.17
Halifax,	22	12	10	-	20	-	2	1	1	14	6	7	1	14	450	32.12
Hanover,	35	16	19	-	28	1	6	6	3	32	11	21	-	32	1324	41.37
Hanson,	24	22	12	-	33	-	1	9	6	21	14	7	-	21	691	32.88

Births, Marriages, and Deaths, during the year 1849—Continued.

Counties and Towns.	Population in 1880.	BIRTHS.					MARRIAGES.					DEATHS.					
		Whole number.	Sex.		PERCENTAGE.		Whole number.	NATIVITY.		Whole number.	Sex.		No.	Age.			
			M.	F.	U.	Am.		For.	U.		M.	F.		U.	Aggro- te.	Average.	
<i>Plymouth—Continued.</i>																	
Hingham, -	3,980	91	51	39	1	77	11	3	24	19	1	4	55	26	29	-	1850 33.63
Hell, -	253	4	-	4	-	2	2	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	13	-	- 28.83
Kingston, -	1,591	44	27	17	-	40	4	-	16	13	-	3	21	9	13	-	605
Marshfield, -	1,837	40	23	17	-	40	-	-	16	16	-	-	51	20	22	-	1617 39.45
Middleborough, -	5,336	52	32	20	-	-	-	52	24	24	-	24	42	59	34	25	2232 42.10
North Bridgewater, -	3,940	110	59	51	-	89	20	1	43	42	-	1	55	26	30	-	1421 25.83
Pembroke, -	1,388	22	12	10	-	22	-	-	8	7	-	1	22	11	11	-	841 38.24
Plymouth, -	6,025	158	72	74	12	139	3	16	38	-	-	38	122	46	75	1	3410 28.18
Plymouth, -	927	21	6	15	-	21	-	-	6	5	1	-	7	3	4	-	304 43.49
Rochester, -	3,808	75	42	33	-	70	1	4	21	19	-	2	79	39	40	-	2819 35.68
Scituate, -	2,149	50	31	19	-	47	3	-	23	23	-	-	38	24	22	-	1832 41.64
South Scituate, -	1,770	41	18	23	-	39	1	1	6	6	-	-	23	11	12	-	1002 43.55
Wareham, -	3,186	103	55	48	-	87	16	-	16	6	-	10	52	24	28	-	1203 23.13
West Bridgewater, -	1,447	34	16	18	-	16	2	14	11	8	1	2	28	16	12	-	959 34.24
Totals, -	55,699	1202	628	559	15	946	72	184	367	248	6	113	845	404	460	2	37,775 32.87
SUFFOLK.																	
Boston, -	136,894	4886	2496	2386	2	1777	3063	46	1187	317	363	507	5044	2587	2481	3	103436 20.51
Chelsea, -	6,701	229	118	104	7	3	55	171	28	7	13	8	173	87	85	1	2706 15.64
North Chelsea, -	835	28	16	12	-	20	7	1	3	2	-	1	21	9	9	4	601 28.61
Totals, -	144,520	5143	2630	2504	9	1800	3125	218	1218	326	376	516	5338	2683	2575	8	106743 20.38

WORCESTER.

Ashburnham, -	1,875	48	24	23	1	36	6	6	15	-	15	36	20	16	-	36	792	22.00
Athol, -	2,033	47	29	18	-	47	-	-	17	4	13	78	33	40	5	78	2054	26.33
Auburn, -	879	16	10	6	-	10	2	2	3	3	-	15	6	8	1	15	511	34.05
Barre, -	2,976	79	46	33	-	56	11	12	19	19	-	57	23	34	-	56	1625	29.02
Berlin, -	866	18	10	8	-	15	1	2	5	5	-	12	5	7	-	12	468	39.00
Blackstone, -	4,301	137	69	67	1	30	55	52	12	5	-	74	34	40	-	74	1838	24.84
Bolton, -	1,263	18	9	9	-	15	2	1	6	6	-	26	13	13	-	26	1055	40.61
Boylston, -	918	19	7	12	-	15	3	1	7	7	-	18	13	3	-	18	622	34.56
Brookfield, -	1,673	49	30	19	-	43	4	2	12	12	-	35	17	18	-	35	907	25.91
Charlton, -	2,015	40	19	21	-	40	-	-	17	3	-	36	16	20	-	36	1520	42.22
Clinton, -	3,113	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dana, -	842	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Douglas, -	1,878	52	21	31	-	47	2	3	12	12	-	20	13	7	-	19	555	29.19
Dudley, -	1,446	27	13	14	-	27	-	-	5	4	-	26	16	10	-	26	596	22.93
Fitchburg, -	5,120	177	100	77	-	130	42	5	32	12	-	127	66	60	1	125	2141	17.13
Gardner, -	1,533	42	20	22	-	41	-	1	16	3	-	31	15	16	-	31	658	21.22
Grafton, -	3,925	125	58	67	-	74	16	35	27	12	-	60	25	35	-	60	1304	21.74
Hardwick, -	1,631	37	16	21	-	32	5	5	8	7	-	24	13	11	-	24	906	37.75
Harvard, -	1,630	37	23	14	-	36	1	-	11	10	1	30	12	18	-	30	1367	45.56
Holden, -	1,933	54	27	26	1	38	5	11	12	12	-	39	25	14	-	39	1100	26.31
Hubbardston, -	1,825	48	25	23	-	39	7	2	13	13	-	36	14	22	-	36	1544	42.89
Lancaster, -	1,688	14	10	4	-	14	-	-	31	28	3	57	18	35	-	43	1539	35.80
Leicester, -	2,269	44	24	18	-	25	9	25	17	15	1	44	20	24	-	44	1416	32.18
Leominster, -	3,121	77	36	41	-	10	9	77	22	15	-	87	40	47	-	87	2962	27.15
Lunenburg, -	1,249	19	9	10	-	16	3	-	10	6	-	33	16	17	-	32	1372	42.87
Mendon, -	1,301	36	23	12	1	23	3	10	2	2	-	19	7	12	-	19	618	32.53
Millford, -	4,819	116	63	53	-	16	3	116	56	9	-	75	33	42	-	74	1738	23.48
Millbury, -	3,081	80	39	41	-	41	7	33	17	3	-	68	34	34	-	68	1769	26.01
New Braintree, -	852	19	7	11	1	18	1	-	8	8	-	15	8	7	-	15	1051	70.07
Northborough, -	1,535	28	14	14	-	18	-	-	12	-	-	13	15	9	-	13	647	49.76
Northbridge, -	2,229	60	33	27	-	36	7	17	10	-	-	33	15	18	-	33	815	24.70
North Brookfield, -	1,939	53	26	23	4	51	1	1	12	11	-	28	12	16	-	28	888	31.71
Oakham, -	1,137	29	18	11	-	19	-	10	6	2	-	12	5	6	-	12	355	29.61
Oxford, -	2,380	9	2	7	-	7	-	2	8	7	-	40	17	22	1	39	1581	40.54
Paxton, -	820	24	11	11	-	17	1	6	3	3	-	11	3	8	-	11	236	20.76

Births, Marriages, and Deaths, during the year 1849—Continued.

Counties and Towns.	Population in 1840.	BIRTHS.						MARRIAGES.				DEATHS.					
		Whole number.	SEX.			PARENTAGE.			Whole number.	NATIVITY.			Whole number.	SEX.			No.
			M.	F.	U.	Am.	For.	U.		Am.	For.	U.		M.	F.	U.	
<i>Worcester—Con.</i>																	
Petersham,	1,537	29	16	13	-	26	3	-	15	-	-	-	31	15	16	-	31
Phillipston,	809	17	8	9	2	11	4	2	5	-	-	-	16	7	9	-	16
Princeton,	1,318	20	15	5	3	17	-	3	10	-	-	2	17	6	11	-	17
Royalston,	1,546	37	17	19	1	32	1	4	12	-	-	-	36	20	16	-	36
Rutland,	1,223	22	10	12	-	22	-	-	5	-	-	1	13	6	7	-	13
Shrewsbury,	1,536	37	21	16	-	37	-	-	4	-	-	6	46	23	23	-	46
Southborough,	1,347	28	13	15	2	19	7	2	10	-	-	-	33	18	15	-	30
Southbridge,	2,824	3	3	-	-	3	-	-	9	-	-	-	61	28	30	3	54
Spencer,	2,943	46	29	17	-	21	1	24	11	-	-	11	28	13	15	-	28
Sterling,	1,900	48	30	18	-	38	4	6	7	-	-	2	30	17	11	2	29
Sturbridge,	2,119	39	21	15	3	34	-	5	20	-	-	2	56	31	25	-	56
Sutton,	2,595	45	19	26	-	19	4	22	18	-	-	6	53	29	24	-	53
Templeton,	2,173	55	35	20	-	-	-	55	14	-	-	14	58	31	27	-	58
Upton,	2,023	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uxbridge,	2,457	69	37	32	-	49	17	3	18	-	-	5	27	15	12	-	27
Warren,	1,776	51	30	21	-	43	7	1	5	-	-	-	35	18	17	-	34
Webster,	2,371	46	27	19	-	11	9	26	9	-	-	3	35	17	18	-	33
Westborough,	2,376	63	39	24	-	47	13	3	14	-	-	-	41	25	16	-	41
West Boylston,	1,749	58	31	25	2	45	12	1	15	-	-	2	36	21	15	-	36
West Brookfield,	1,344	37	21	16	-	28	8	1	12	-	-	3	25	16	9	-	25
Westminster,	1,916	44	26	18	-	25	5	14	11	-	-	3	57	34	23	-	54
Winchendon,	2,445	73	38	35	7	-	-	73	18	-	-	8	44	23	18	3	43
Worcester,	17,059	450	234	216	-	32	2	416	130	-	-	8	438	206	230	2	434
Totals,	130,817	2995	1581	1388	26	1582	288	1125	837	500	14	323	2531	1232	1276	23	2488
																	72,912
																	29,35

RECAPITULATION.

COUNTIES.	689	350	338	1	630	36	23	271	237	2	32	505	248	242	15	492	13,908	26.27
Barnstable,	1157	613	543	1	881	150	126	148	119	8	21	695	326	364	5	675	21,106	31.27
Berkshire,	2121	1113	1001	7	1172	499	450	417	123	3	291	1156	559	539	38	1109	32,920	29.66
Bristol,	4,540	110	60	48	2	107	2	21	21	-	-	77	33	43	1	73	3,083	42.24
Dukes,	131,307	3060	1591	1458	11	2430	394	236	1082	611	149	2450	1177	1247	26	2401	69,451	28.93
Essex,	30,869	659	342	296	21	480	33	146	165	144	1	495	210	272	13	464	15,690	33.82
Franklin,	51,285	1359	686	665	8	851	356	152	489	163	130	1198	600	586	12	1174	29,442	25.08
Hampden,	35,714	786	445	335	6	604	89	93	236	183	9	660	326	328	6	644	18,748	29.11
Hampshire,	161,385	4150	2034	2004	52	2345	852	963	1132	527	125	2979	1469	1482	28	2642	73,321	24.92
Middlesex,	8,452	101	49	52	-	99	2	43	43	-	-	118	60	52	6	113	3,855	34.11
Nantucket,	79,000	2231	1147	1072	12	1121	582	528	322	67	121	1497	692	722	13	1404	36,540	26.03
Norfolk,	55,639	1202	628	559	15	946	72	184	248	6	113	866	404	460	2	845	27,775	32.87
Plymouth,	144,520	5153	2630	2504	9	1800	3125	218	326	376	516	5266	2663	2575	8	5238	106,743	20.38
Suffolk,	130,817	1581	1388	26	1582	288	1125	837	500	14	323	2531	1232	1276	23	2488	72,912	29.35
Worcester,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals,	994,665	13329	12273	171	15058	6480	4235	6936	3567	890	2479	20,423	10019	10208	196	20,062	525,495	26.19

TABLE I. BIRTHS (eight months in) 1848.

Exhibiting the number of each Sex born in the several Counties, during each of the different months from May 1 to Dec. 31,

1848.

Months.	Sex.	Whole No.	Barnstable.	Berkshire.	Bristol.	Duke and Nassau.	Essex.	Franklin.	Hampden.	Hampshire.	Middlesex.	Norfolk.	Plymouth.	Suffolk.	Worcester.
May,	Total,	1345	36	89	128	16	226	47	73	54	255	117	93	13	196
	Males,	713	16	39	57	7	125	25	51	33	150	65	39	7	99
	Females,	626	20	50	71	9	103	19	22	21	105	52	51	6	97
	Unkno'n	6	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
June,	Total,	1411	53	73	160	18	231	51	71	53	274	150	84	21	173
	Males,	748	24	35	82	9	122	26	39	28	150	91	36	9	97
	Females,	653	29	38	78	9	108	23	31	24	124	57	46	12	74
	Unkno'n	10	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	1	-	2	2	-	1
July,	Total,	1572	48	90	151	22	274	64	83	65	309	146	92	17	211
	Males,	811	24	41	72	14	151	32	40	25	161	72	49	11	119
	Females,	750	24	48	79	8	121	31	43	40	145	73	40	6	92
	Unkno'n	11	-	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	3	1	3	-	-
Aug.,	Total,	1725	76	93	158	21	267	52	80	74	335	200	93	18	258
	Males,	892	41	56	86	14	135	24	40	36	166	96	52	11	135
	Females,	827	34	37	72	7	132	28	40	38	169	103	40	6	121
	Unkno'n	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2
Sept.,	Total,	1716	69	91	186	26	257	52	100	57	334	175	107	22	240
	Males,	868	36	48	108	11	133	23	51	25	162	82	50	13	126
	Females,	841	33	43	78	15	124	28	49	32	170	93	55	9	112
	Unkno'n	7	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	2	-	2
Oct.,	Total,	1611	61	92	181	11	273	49	77	63	304	170	70	19	241
	Males,	822	31	45	105	6	142	23	44	29	152	65	35	12	133
	Females,	780	30	47	76	5	131	23	33	34	148	105	35	5	108
	Unkno'n	9	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	4	-	-	2	-
Nov.,	Total,	1611	48	79	182	21	281	39	80	63	302	187	103	24	202
	Males,	842	27	42	99	13	144	16	44	38	153	93	49	9	115
	Females,	760	21	35	83	8	137	22	36	24	146	93	53	15	87
	Unkno'n	9	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	1	1	-	-
Dec.,	Total,	1549	50	96	187	26	247	44	79	59	299	170	89	14	189
	Males,	832	25	52	100	13	131	22	43	29	172	83	51	8	103
	Females,	708	25	44	87	13	116	19	36	29	124	87	37	6	85
	Unkno'n	9	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	3	-	1	-	1
Total,	Total,	12540	441	703	1333	161	2058	398	643	488	2412	1315	731	148	1709
	Males,	6528	224	358	709	87	1083	191	352	243	1266	647	361	80	927
	Females,	5945	216	342	624	74	972	193	290	242	1131	663	357	65	776
	Unkno'n	67	1	3	-	-	3	14	1	3	15	5	13	3	6

SUPPLEMENT TO TABLE I.

Births—Plurality Cases in 1848.

(Included in Table I, of Births.)

Months.	Sex.	Whole No.	Barnstable.	Berthshire.	Bristol.	Dukes and Nantucket.	Mass.	Franklin.	Hampton.	Hampshire.	Middlesex.	Norfolk.	Plymouth.	Suffolk.	Worcester.
May,	Total,	16	2	4	-	-	6	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-
	Males,	7	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
	Females,	9	1	2	-	-	5	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
June,	Total,	18	-	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	2	-	4
	Males,	11	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	-	4
	Females,	7	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-
July,	Total,	34	4	2	2	-	4	-	6	6	4	4	-	-	2
	Males,	24	4	2	-	-	2	-	4	5	2	3	-	-	2
	Females,	8	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	1	2	1	-	-	-
	Unknown	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug.,	Total,	22	4	-	2	-	4	-	-	-	4	4	2	-	2
	Males,	16	4	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	4	-	-	2
	Females,	4	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	Unknown	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Sept.,	Total,	14	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	4
	Males,	7	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	3
	Females,	7	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1
Oct.,	Total,	14	-	2	4	-	-	2	-	-	-	4	-	-	2
	Males,	8	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	1
	Females,	6	-	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Nov.,	Total,	20	-	4	-	2	6	2	-	-	2	2	-	-	2
	Males,	8	-	3	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	Females,	12	-	1	-	1	3	2	-	-	2	2	-	-	1
Dec.,	Total,	20	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	8	-	4	-	4
	Males,	8	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	2
	Females,	12	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	3	-	2
Total,	Total,	158	12	14	12	2	28	4	6	6	26	18	10	-	20
	Males,	89	10	8	4	1	13	1	4	5	14	12	2	-	15
	Females,	65	2	6	8	1	13	3	2	1	12	6	6	-	5
	Unknown	4	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-

TABLE II. STILL BORN. 1848.

Exhibiting the number of each Sex in the several Counties, during each of the eight months from May 1 to Dec. 31,

1848.

Months.	Sex.	Whole No.	Barstable.	Berkshire.	Bristol.	Dukes and Nantuxet.	Essex.	Franklin.	Hampton.	Hampshire.	Middlesex.	Norfolk.	Plymouth.	Suffolk.	Worcester.
May,	Males,	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Females,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Unknown	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
June,	Males,	4	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	Females,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Unknown	3	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
July,	Males,	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	Females,	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	Unknown	7	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	-
Aug.,	Males,	4	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	Females,	5	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
	Unknown	7	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
Sept.,	Males,	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Females,	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
	Unknown	8	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	-
Oct.,	Males,	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
	Females,	3	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	Unknown	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-
Nov.,	Males,	4	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	Females,	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
	Unknown	6	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-
Dec.,	Males,	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-
	Females,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Unknown	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Total,	Total,	79	-	-	11	4	20	3	-	-	21	13	-	7	-
	Males,	23	-	-	1	-	12	-	-	-	7	-	-	2	-
	Females,	15	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	6	2	-	1	-
	Unknown	42	-	-	10	4	2	3	-	-	8	11	-	4	-

TABLE III. BIRTHS. 1849.

*Exhibiting the number of each Sex born in the several Counties,
during each of the different months of the year*

1849.

Months.	Sex.	Whole No.	Barnstable.	Berkshire.	Bristol.	Dukes and Nantucket.	Essex.	Franklin.	Hampden.	Hampshire.	Middlesex.	Norfolk.	Plymouth.	Suffolk.	Worcester.
Jan'y,	Total,	1983	51	66	174	19	236	51	103	59	313	151	88	470	202
	Males,	1095	28	33	96	10	124	36	53	33	178	80	51	257	116
	Females,	882	23	33	78	9	112	13	50	26	134	71	37	213	83
	Unknown	6	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	3
Feb'y,	Total,	2026	35	94	177	32	227	49	98	61	313	186	110	407	237
	Males,	1041	16	54	92	18	119	27	48	35	150	98	61	204	119
	Females,	979	19	40	85	14	108	20	50	26	163	87	48	203	116
	Unknown	6	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	2
March,	Total,	2293	50	120	182	28	273	64	101	78	370	192	127	424	284
	Males,	1171	28	62	81	12	142	33	56	46	183	88	68	225	147
	Females,	1109	22	58	101	16	131	29	45	31	184	104	55	199	134
	Unknown	13	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	3	-	4	-	3
April,	Total,	2092	67	102	216	35	232	50	108	52	311	182	86	384	267
	Males,	1080	26	50	118	17	139	23	58	27	150	93	40	193	146
	Females,	996	41	52	98	18	92	26	48	25	157	88	42	191	118
	Unknown	16	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	4	1	4	-	3
May,	Total,	1951	51	78	154	10	244	60	95	48	329	158	85	418	221
	Males,	1024	29	40	84	5	123	31	44	31	174	75	41	237	110
	Females,	916	22	38	68	5	121	28	51	17	151	81	44	181	109
	Unknown	11	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	4	2	-	-	2
June,	Total,	2085	43	98	180	15	260	57	104	72	322	177	91	435	231
	Males,	1099	23	57	97	10	137	27	60	38	158	103	40	228	121
	Females,	970	20	41	83	5	122	27	44	32	159	73	50	207	107
	Unknown	16	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	2	5	1	1	-	3
July,	Total,	2281	70	101	169	18	236	60	120	69	372	162	104	540	260
	Males,	1155	24	58	90	10	108	30	58	39	197	81	53	269	138
	Females,	1116	46	43	79	8	126	27	62	29	173	80	51	271	121
	Unknown	10	-	-	-	-	2	3	-	1	2	1	-	-	1
Aug.,	Total,	2373	65	108	188	11	292	66	128	88	367	219	117	491	233
	Males,	1214	33	49	98	6	160	39	53	55	174	117	56	246	128
	Females,	1150	32	58	89	5	131	26	75	33	190	102	61	244	104
	Unknown	9	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	3	-	-	1	1
Sept.,	Total,	2306	68	99	179	13	284	57	139	69	398	199	112	426	263
	Males,	1153	35	49	97	7	142	24	64	37	196	92	66	202	142
	Females,	1133	33	50	80	6	139	32	73	32	199	103	45	222	119
	Unknown	20	-	-	2	-	3	1	2	-	3	4	1	2	2

TABLE III. BIRTHS—1849. CONTINUED.

Months.	Sex.	Whole No.	Barnstable.	Berkshire.	Bristol.	Dukes and Nantucket.	Essex.	Franklin.	Hampden.	Hampshire.	Middlesex.	Norfolk.	Plymouth.	Suffolk.	Worcester.
Oct.,	Total,	2209	84	101	148	7	279	56	129	80	363	216	97	474	265
	Males,	1220	46	54	75	4	157	28	69	48	186	113	54	245	141
	Females	1057	38	47	71	3	120	25	60	32	169	103	40	226	123
	Unkno'n	22	-	-	2	-	2	3	-	-	8	-	3	3	1
Nov.,	Total,	1972	57	77	159	10	246	41	102	64	329	186	93	347	261
	Males,	1017	32	38	85	4	133	17	54	33	167	101	51	167	135
	Females	939	25	39	74	6	112	23	45	30	156	84	42	179	124
	Unkno'n	16	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	1	6	1	-	1	2
Dec.,	Total,	2051	48	113	195	11	237	48	132	46	345	202	92	326	256
	Males,	1031	30	69	100	6	105	27	69	23	172	105	47	152	132
	Females	993	17	44	95	5	132	20	62	22	160	96	44	172	124
	Unkno'n	21	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	13	1	1	2	-
Unkn.	Total,	61	-	-	-	2	14	-	-	-	18	1	-	11	15
	Males,	23	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	9	1	-	5	6
	Females	33	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	9	-	-	6	6
	Unkno'n	5	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Total,	Total,	25773	689	1157	2121	211	3060	659	1359	786	4150	2231	1202	5153	2995
	Males,	13329	350	613	1113	109	1591	342	686	445	2094	1147	628	2630	1581
	Females	12273	338	543	1001	100	1458	296	665	335	2004	1072	559	2514	1388
	Unkno'n	171	1	1	7	2	11	21	8	6	52	12	15	9	26
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PARENTAGE—															
American,		15058	630	881	1172	206	2430	480	851	604	2345	1121	946	1810	1582
Foreign,		6480	36	150	499	4	394	33	356	89	852	582	72	3125	288
Not stated,		4235	23	126	450	1	236	146	152	93	953	528	184	218	1125
Total,		25773	689	1157	2121	211	3060	659	1359	786	4150	2231	1202	5153	2995

SUPPLEMENT TO TABLE III.

Births—Plurality Cases in 1849.

(Included in Table III, of Births.)

Months.	Sex.	Whole No.	Barnstable.	Berkshire.	Bristol.	Dukes and Nantucket.	Essex.	Franklin.	Hampden.	Hampshire.	Middlesex.	Norfolk.	Plymouth.	Suffolk.	Worcester.
Jan'y,	Total,	15	-	4	-	-	2	-	3	-	2	-	2	-	2
	Males,	12	-	2	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2
	Females,	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Feb'y,	Total,	17	-	5	-	2	-	-	-	2	4	-	-	4	-
	Males,	11	-	5	-	2	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	-
	Females,	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	3	-
March,	Total,	34	2	-	-	-	10	2	2	-	4	-	-	8	6
	Males,	20	1	-	-	-	8	2	1	-	2	-	-	5	1
	Females,	14	1	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	2	-	-	3	5
April,	Total,	24	2	4	6	-	-	4	-	-	2	2	-	4	-
	Males,	17	2	-	4	-	-	4	-	-	2	2	-	3	-
	Females,	7	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
May,	Total,	26	2	-	4	-	-	2	2	2	2	-	2	10	-
	Males,	17	2	-	3	-	-	2	2	2	2	-	1	3	-
	Females,	9	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	-
June,	Total,	26	-	2	4	-	10	-	4	-	2	-	2	2	-
	Males,	18	-	2	2	-	8	-	2	-	1	-	1	2	-
	Females,	8	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-
July,	Total,	21	5	-	4	-	-	2	4	-	-	-	-	2	4
	Males,	11	2	-	4	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	3
	Females,	10	3	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	1
Aug.,	Total,	32	-	2	2	-	4	-	-	-	4	2	2	8	8
	Males,	12	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	5	2
	Females,	20	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	3	2	2	3	6
Sept.,	Total,	36	2	2	4	-	4	4	8	4	4	-	-	2	2
	Males,	19	1	1	1	-	3	2	3	3	2	-	-	1	2
	Females,	17	1	1	3	-	1	2	5	1	2	-	-	1	-
Oct.,	Total,	49	2	2	6	-	4	2	6	2	5	8	4	4	4
	Males,	28	2	-	3	-	3	1	4	1	2	5	3	1	3
	Females,	21	-	2	3	-	1	1	2	1	3	3	1	3	1
Nov.,	Total,	18	2	-	6	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	6	-
	Males,	11	1	-	3	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	5	-
	Females,	7	1	-	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Dec.,	Total,	18	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	-	2	4	4
	Males,	8	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	2	-
	Females,	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	2	4
Total,	Total,	316	19	21	36	2	36	16	33	10	33	12	14	54	30
	Males,	184	13	10	22	2	26	11	19	7	17	7	9	28	13
	Females,	132	6	11	14	-	10	5	14	3	16	5	5	26	17

NOTE.—Four cases of *triplets* occurred in the State in 1849, viz., one in Barnstable County, and one in Hampden County, each comprising two males and one female. A case also occurred in Berkshire County, and another in Middlesex County, in each of which all were females.

TABLE IV. STILL BORN. 1849.

Exhibiting the number of each Sex in the several Counties, during each month of the year

1849.

Months.	Sex.	Whole No.	Barnstable.	Berkshire.	Bristol.	Dukes and Nantucket.	Essex.	Franklin.	Hampden.	Hampshire.	Middlesex.	Norfolk.	Plymouth.	Suffolk.	Worcester.
Jan'y,	Males,	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
	Females,	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
	Unknown	28	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	23	1
Feb'y,	Males,	4	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	Females,	6	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	Unknown	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	25	1
March,	Males,	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	Females,	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Unknown	33	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	28	1
April,	Males,	5	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
	Females,	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
	Unknown	40	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	3	-	33	-
May,	Males,	5	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2
	Females,	5	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-
	Unknown	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	18	-
June,	Males,	7	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	2
	Females,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Unknown	29	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	24	-
July,	Males,	5	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	Females,	4	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	Unknown	27	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	-	17	2
Aug.,	Males,	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	Females,	4	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
	Unknown	27	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	23	-
Sept.,	Males,	10	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	5	-	1	-	-
	Females,	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1
	Unknown	23	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	-	17	-
Oct.,	Males,	3	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	Females,	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	Unknown	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	15	-
Nov.,	Males,	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1
	Females,	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	Unknown	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	21	-
Dec.,	Males,	8	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	3	-	-	-	1
	Females,	12	-	1	-	-	2	-	1	1	1	1	2	-	3
	Unknown	30	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	24	-
Unkn.	Unknown	7	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total,	-	437	5	1	22	-	32	3	9	8	36	24	4	268	25

TABLE V. MARRIAGES. 1848.

*Exhibiting the Conditions and Ages of parties married during
the eight months intervening May 1 and Dec. 31,*

1848.

(A.) First marriage of both Parties.

AGE OF MEN.	AGE OF WOMEN.														Total.
	Under 20.	20 to 25.	25 to 30.	30 to 35.	35 to 40.	40 to 45.	45 to 50.	50 to 55.	55 to 60.	60 to 65.	65 to 70.	70 to 75.	75 to 80.	Over 80.	
Under 20,	31	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	40
20 to 25,	439	606	54	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	1128
25 to 30,	147	464	153	25	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	809
30 to 35,	23	97	51	24	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	204
35 to 40,	4	16	11	9	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	49
40 to 45,	3	5	1	8	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	24
45 to 50,	-	2	2	2	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	13
50 to 55,	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
55 to 60,	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
60 to 65,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
65 to 70,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
70 to 75,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
75 to 80,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Over 80,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown,	10	18	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	321	356
Total,	658	1215	278	71	21	7	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	375	2630

(B.) First marriage of the Male, but subsequent marriage of the Female.

Under 20,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 to 25,	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
25 to 30,	-	3	2	5	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	14
30 to 35,	-	2	2	4	2	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	13
35 to 40,	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4
40 to 45,	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
45 to 50,	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
50 to 55,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 to 60,	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
60 to 65,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
65 to 70,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
70 to 75,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
75 to 80,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Over 80,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	7
Total,	1	8	5	10	7	6	3	2	1	2	-	-	-	9	54

TABLE V. MARRIAGES—1848. CONTINUED.

(C.) Subsequent marriage of the Male, but first marriage of the Female.

AGE OF MEN.	AGE OF WOMEN.															Total.
	Under 20.	20 to 25.	25 to 30.	30 to 35.	35 to 40.	40 to 45.	45 to 50.	50 to 55.	55 to 60.	60 to 65.	65 to 70.	70 to 75.	75 to 80.	Over 80.	Unknown.	
Under 20,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 to 25,	2	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	10
25 to 30,	10	15	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
30 to 35,	3	21	21	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	58
35 to 40,	7	19	22	7	9	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65
40 to 45,	1	5	11	20	7	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	53
45 to 50,	2	3	4	6	6	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26
50 to 55,	-	-	1	2	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
55 to 60,	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
60 to 65,	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
65 to 70,	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
70 to 75,	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
75 to 80,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Over 80,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown,	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	28	33
Total,	26	71	62	52	25	14	7	4	3	1	-	-	-	-	35	300

(D.) Subsequent marriages of both Parties.

Under 20,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 to 25,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
25 to 30,	-	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
30 to 35,	-	1	2	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	11
35 to 40,	-	-	2	3	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	19
40 to 45,	-	1	2	4	8	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
45 to 50,	-	1	1	4	1	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	22
50 to 55,	-	-	2	2	4	5	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	14
55 to 60,	-	-	-	2	2	2	2	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	12
60 to 65,	-	-	-	-	1	3	2	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	9
65 to 70,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	3	2	-	-	-	1	8
70 to 75,	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	2
75 to 80,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
Over 80,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
Unknown,	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	20	22
Total,	-	4	12	20	23	22	12	12	7	6	6	2	-	-	26	152

TABLE V. MARRIAGES—1848. CONTINUED.

(E.) Conditions of Parties not stated.

AGE of MEN.	AGE OF WOMEN.														Total.	Grand total.
	Under 20.	20 to 24.	25 to 29.	30 to 34.	35 to 39.	40 to 44.	45 to 49.	50 to 54.	55 to 59.	60 to 64.	65 to 69.	70 to 74.	75 to 79.	Over 80.	Unknown.	
Under 20,	3	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45
20 to 24,	25	41	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1216
25 to 29,	11	35	14	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	922
30 to 34,	3	6	5	9	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	309
35 to 39,	-	6	5	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	145
40 to 44,	-	1	1	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	107
45 to 49,	-	1	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66
50 to 54,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34
55 to 59,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27
60 to 64,	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	23
65 to 69,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
70 to 74,	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	14
75 to 79,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	4
Over 80,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Unknown,	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	666	1088
Total,	44	91	31	19	6	3	1	3	2	1	2	-	-	-	676	879
Grand total,	729	1389	388	172	82	52	27	22	13	10	8	2	-	-	1121	4015

TABLE VI. MARRIAGES. 1848.

Exhibiting the number solemnized in the several Counties, in each month intervening May 1 and December 31, 1848.

Months.	Whole No.	Barnstable.	Berkshire.	Bristol.	Dukes and Nantucket.	Essex.	Franklin.	Hampden.	Hampshire.	Middlesex.	Norfolk.	Plymouth.	Suffolk.	Worcester.
May, -	508	13	18	45	11	67	24	37	25	94	47	24	4	99
June, -	440	14	4	32	5	71	16	32	15	113	39	34	5	60
July, -	304	3	7	28	13	58	12	30	9	55	32	21	3	33
August, -	356	5	5	25	12	64	6	25	9	88	39	22	1	55
September, -	463	15	22	38	5	67	12	42	24	96	45	19	3	75
October, -	621	11	21	39	6	123	15	62	23	120	72	34	9	86
November, -	792	39	26	46	12	134	19	66	44	174	67	40	7	118
December, -	491	47	8	37	4	95	20	29	13	95	41	33	4	65
Unknown, -	40	1	-	32	-	2	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	-
Total, -	4015	148	111	322	68	681	124	323	163	839	382	227	36	591

TABLE VII. MARRIAGES. 1849.

Exhibiting the Conditions and Ages of parties married during the twelve months intervening Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 1849.

(A.) First marriage of both Parties. -

AGE OF MEN.	AGE OF WOMEN.															Total.
	Under 20.	20 to 25.	25 to 30.	30 to 35.	35 to 40.	40 to 45.	45 to 50.	50 to 55.	55 to 60.	60 to 65.	65 to 70.	70 to 75.	75 to 80.	Over 80.	Unknown.	
Under 20,	69	20	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	97
20 to 25,	730	1092	96	12	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	1970
25 to 30,	274	841	341	26	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	1508
30 to 35,	45	141	109	52	13	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	374
35 to 40,	5	23	37	25	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	100
40 to 45,	2	2	7	12	6	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	38
45 to 50,	2	1	-	3	8	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
50 to 55,	-	1	1	3	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
55 to 60,	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
60 to 65,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
65 to 70,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
70 to 75,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
75 to 80,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Over 80,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown,	10	15	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	475	505
Total,	1137	2136	598	136	40	20	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	552	4621

(B.) First marriage of the Male, but subsequent marriage of the Female.

Under 20,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 to 25,	2	2	5	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	16
25 to 30,	-	9	13	8	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	35
30 to 35,	-	2	3	13	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
35 to 40,	-	1	3	6	3	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	17
40 to 45,	-	-	-	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6
45 to 50,	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
50 to 55,	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
55 to 60,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
60 to 65,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 to 70,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
70 to 75,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
75 to 80,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Over 80,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown,	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	10
Total,	2	15	24	37	15	8	2	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	11	118

TABLE VII. MARRIAGES—1849. CONTINUED.

(C.) Subsequent marriage of the Male, but first marriage of the Female.

AGE of MEN.	AGE OF WOMEN.															Total.
	Under 20.	20 to 24.	25 to 29.	30 to 34.	35 to 39.	40 to 44.	45 to 49.	50 to 54.	55 to 59.	60 to 64.	65 to 69.	70 to 74.	75 to 79.	Over 80.	Unknown.	
Under 20,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 to 24,	6	7	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	16
25 to 30,	14	34	21	6	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	79
30 to 34,	12	44	35	19	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	117
35 to 40,	5	33	34	28	10	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	117
40 to 44,	1	16	19	28	11	14	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	99
45 to 50,	-	2	7	9	18	11	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
50 to 54,	1	-	2	2	7	6	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23
55 to 60,	-	1	1	-	2	5	5	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
60 to 64,	-	1	1	-	3	4	5	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	18
65 to 70,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
70 to 74,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	4
75 to 80,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Over 80,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown,	1	7	3	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	38	48
Total,	40	145	125	94	58	48	17	8	6	2	-	-	-	-	41	584

(D.) Subsequent marriages of both Parties.

Under 20,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 to 24,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 to 30,	-	3	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
30 to 34,	-	-	10	9	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
35 to 40,	-	3	2	15	14	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35
40 to 44,	-	-	2	12	10	7	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	33
45 to 50,	-	1	2	5	1	7	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
50 to 54,	-	-	1	4	5	8	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28
55 to 60,	-	-	-	1	6	7	3	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	24
60 to 64,	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	11
65 to 70,	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	8	1	3	5	-	-	-	1	23
70 to 74,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	6
75 to 80,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	2	1	-	-	7
Over 80,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown,	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	25
Total,	-	7	22	47	41	38	14	25	9	6	7	2	1	-	27	246

TABLE VII. MARRIAGES—1849. CONTINUED.

(E.) Conditions of Parties not stated.

AGE of MEN.	AGE OF WOMEN.														Unknown.	Total.
	Under 20.	20 to 24.	25 to 29.	30 to 34.	35 to 39.	40 to 44.	45 to 49.	50 to 54.	55 to 59.	60 to 64.	65 to 69.	70 to 74.	75 to 79.	Over 80.		
Under 20,	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
20 to 24,	31	64	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	107
25 to 30,	20	59	22	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	105
30 to 34,	2	15	10	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	31
35 to 40,	-	5	4	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
40 to 44,	1	1	-	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	10
45 to 50,	-	-	2	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	8
50 to 54,	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
55 to 60,	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
60 to 64,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
65 to 70,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
70 to 74,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
75 to 80,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Over 80,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown,	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1062	1063
Total,	54	146	49	15	6	2	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	1090	1367

(F.) Grand Total of all Conditions of Parties.

Under 20,	69	21	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	99
20 to 24,	769	1165	113	18	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39	2109
25 to 30,	308	946	402	42	7	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	1736
30 to 34,	59	202	167	96	27	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	570
35 to 40,	10	65	80	76	36	9	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	5	283
40 to 44,	4	19	28	59	29	30	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	179
45 to 50,	2	5	11	22	28	21	5	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	100
50 to 54,	1	1	5	9	17	18	9	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	68
55 to 60,	-	1	1	1	8	14	9	7	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	45
60 to 64,	-	1	1	-	3	7	7	5	6	1	-	-	-	-	1	32
65 to 70,	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	8	2	4	5	-	-	-	1	26
70 to 74,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	3	1	-	-	-	-	10
75 to 80,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	1	2	1	-	-	8
Over 80,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown,	11	23	6	4	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1623	1671
Total,	1233	2449	818	329	160	116	36	35	19	9	7	2	2	-	1721	6936

TABLE VIII. MARRIAGES. 1849.

Exhibiting the number solemnized in the several Counties, in each month intervening January 1 and December 31, 1849; also, the Nativity of parties married.

Months.	Whole No.	Barnstable.	Berkshire.	Bristol.	Dukes and Nantucket.	Essex.	Franklin.	Hampden.	Hampshire.	Middlesex.	Norfolk.	Plymouth.	Suffolk.	Worcester.
January, -	603	35	9	42	6	83	13	61	12	99	47	33	77	86
February, -	424	22	18	27	1	64	4	36	11	83	22	13	80	43
March, -	391	13	7	28	4	67	9	26	18	71	23	21	54	50
April, -	601	16	17	32	3	87	11	39	29	95	47	39	89	97
May, -	571	8	14	36	7	89	21	38	20	110	38	33	66	91
June, -	495	15	12	36	3	76	12	23	21	76	45	31	81	64
July, -	452	10	5	30	7	68	10	33	9	84	40	20	83	53
August, -	455	12	8	28	5	79	12	43	11	63	31	19	103	41
September, -	605	12	11	33	7	76	16	48	21	95	45	32	136	73
October, -	637	22	22	26	8	111	18	45	24	121	51	41	167	81
November, -	969	53	15	30	6	164	23	62	39	154	79	49	188	107
December, -	647	46	10	19	7	96	15	35	21	76	42	36	94	50
Unknown, -	86	7	-	50	-	22	1	-	-	5	-	-	-	1
Total, -	6936	271	148	417	64	1062	165	489	236	1132	510	367	1218	837
NATIVITY.														
American, -	3525	237	118	122	64	602	144	162	183	527	318	244	306	496
Foreign—														
Both parties,	844	2	8	3	-	143	1	130	7	117	61	4	357	11
Males, -	47	-	-	1	-	6	-	-	2	8	6	2	19	3
Females, -	41	-	1	-	-	9	-	1	-	-	4	4	20	2
Unknown, -	2479	32	21	291	-	322	20	196	44	480	121	113	516	323

TABLE IX. CAUSES OF DEATH. 1848.

Exhibiting the number from different causes, (alphabetically arranged,) at various ages of each sex, during the several months between May 1 and December 31,

1848.

(Preceded by a statement of the number of each sex in the four preceding months.)

SEX.	MONTHS.												DISEASE.	WHOLE NO.				AGES.															
	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.		Unknown.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Unknown.	Under 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 15.	15 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	Over 80.	Unknown.			
Males,	1	4	-	2	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	6	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Fem.	6	3	3	4	4	3	3	1	4	5	4	4	1	-	53	30	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	5	5	9	6	2	-	-		
Males,	1	5	7	1	9	1	1	4	6	3	1	-	-	-	7	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	3	4	6	4	5	-	-		
Fem.	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	1	1	-	-		
Males,	-	-	2	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	7	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Fem.	-	-	2	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	1	1	3	2	-	-	-	-		
Males,	3	4	4	1	3	4	7	10	9	2	4	2	-	-	77	41	-	-	24	1	1	2	5	2	1	3	2	-	-	-	-		
Fem.	1	2	4	2	3	4	1	10	7	6	4	-	-	-	-	35	-	-	8	3	1	1	6	7	1	2	1	3	2	-	-		
Unkn.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Males,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Fem.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Males,	-	-	1	2	3	4	15	57	44	12	4	2	-	-	254	141	-	-	116	4	2	2	4	3	4	3	2	1	-	-	-		
Fem.	3	2	-	2	4	5	16	43	26	14	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	81	5	2	-	6	2	-	2	2	5	3	2	-		
Unkn.	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Males,	2	3	3	-	3	10	7	10	14	5	4	3	-	-	107	56	-	-	28	6	5	1	6	3	3	2	2	1	-	-	-		
Fem.	-	4	1	3	5	3	6	9	7	11	6	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	4	-	4	6	4	5	2	-	-	-	-	-		
Unkn.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

TABLE IX. CAUSES OF DEATH—1848. CONTINUED.

SEX.	MONTHS.												DISEASES.	WHOLE NO.			AGES.															
	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.		Unknown.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Unknown.	Under 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 15.	15 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	Over 80.	Unknown.		
Males.	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	3	2	-	16	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	
Fem.	1	1	1	1	2	-	2	4	2	3	4	2	-	20	19	12	-	-	-	-	-	3	7	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males.	1	1	1	3	-	1	2	10	9	3	1	2	-	53	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fem.	1	2	3	2	1	1	2	8	5	7	2	-	-	-	25	-	-	19	1	-	2	1	4	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	-	
Males.	3	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	9	5	-	-	10	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fem.	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	4	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males.	14	8	6	8	8	5	15	17	12	12	10	6	-	193	85	-	-	12	2	2	2	4	5	14	6	14	13	11	1	1	1	
Fem.	8	16	10	7	20	14	10	17	12	8	11	13	-	-	105	-	-	9	2	-	1	9	19	12	10	16	15	9	3	3	3	
Unkn.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males.	1	1	-	-	3	2	4	1	4	1	1	2	-	24	8	16	-	2	-	-	-	3	4	2	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	
Fem.	1	-	-	-	2	2	4	1	4	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males.	11	2	1	5	11	10	12	8	5	2	3	5	-	67	56	-	-	5	16	5	5	10	3	4	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	
Fem.	1	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	9	-	3	2	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Unkn.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males.	9	3	5	6	9	19	87	345	375	157	21	14	3	2135	1030	-	-	666	86	24	27	43	36	28	33	38	21	8	20	8	20	
Fem.	5	4	3	9	9	6	87	371	420	134	24	12	1	-	-	1064	554	69	31	30	58	40	48	58	68	53	33	22	22	22	22	
Unkn.	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	16	13	2	-	-	-	-	-	41	31	1	-	-	-	1	2	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	
Males.	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	-	10	7	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	
Fem.	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males.	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	-	-	13	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	
Fem.	-	-	-	-	1	2	6	1	4	1	4	-	-	58	24	7	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	1	4	2	2	2	2	2	
Males.	6	3	3	3	2	5	2	2	4	1	4	1	7	-	-	33	-	5	2	-	1	2	4	6	6	5	2	-	-	-	-	
Fem.	-	-	-	-	9	5	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	1	1	-	2	4	6	6	5	2	-	-	-	-	
Unkn.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Males,	13	17	19	16	10	7	5	16	26	21	12	13	-	Fever,	-	208	110	-	-	20	8	6	12	30	10	3	8	6	4	1	2	
Fem.	13	14	13	8	9	6	6	14	16	20	13	13	-	"	-	-	-	97	1	11	7	5	11	22	12	4	9	4	7	2	3	
Unkn.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Fever, Bilious,	-	21	13	-	-	-	-	1	2	6	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	
Males,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	3	1	1	-	-	"	-	-	-	8	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	
Fem.	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	1	1	-	2	1	-	Fever, Intermittent,	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Males,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fem.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Fever, Puerperal,	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Males,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Males,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Males,	17	24	32	14	17	25	11	23	36	38	26	16	1	Fever, Typhus,	-	370	193	-	-	9	19	13	17	66	27	16	7	10	2	3	4	
Fem.	18	23	17	13	13	12	13	19	48	33	27	10	1	"	-	-	-	176	1	10	8	19	35	47	19	11	6	9	5	1	6	
Unkn.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	5	4	5	4	3	2	-	-	-
Males,	-	-	-	-	5	3	4	5	7	7	2	1	1	Fits,	-	66	34	31	-	7	1	2	1	5	4	5	4	3	2	-	-	-
Fem.	-	-	-	-	1	4	4	1	8	2	6	4	1	"	-	-	-	31	-	3	1	1	5	3	-	-	3	3	10	2	-	-
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Males,	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Fracture,	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fem.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Males,	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	Gastritis,	-	13	5	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-
Fem.	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	"	-	-	-	8	-	1	-	-	1	-	4	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Males,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Generative Or., Dis. of,	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fem.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Males,	2	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	3	-	Gravel,	-	7	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-
Fem.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Males,	14	14	10	12	9	11	4	13	11	7	11	8	-	Heart, Disease of,	-	126	74	-	-	17	4	1	2	6	4	-	4	12	17	7	-	-
Fem.	10	7	9	10	8	8	3	4	7	10	11	1	-	"	-	-	-	52	-	8	1	2	7	4	10	1	4	9	4	2	-	-
Males,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	Heat,	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fem.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Males,	3	1	2	1	2	1	1	3	1	-	1	2	-	Hemorrhage,	-	20	11	-	-	3	-	-	1	2	3	-	3	-	1	1	-	-
Fem.	3	1	1	2	1	-	1	4	1	2	-	-	-	"	-	-	-	9	-	1	-	-	-	2	3	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Males,	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Hernia,	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Fem.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Males,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Hip Complaint,	-	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fem.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

TABLE IX. CAUSES OF DEATH—1848. CONTINUED.

SEX.	MONTHS.												WHOLE NO.				AGES.																
	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Unknown.	DISEASES.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Unknown.	Under 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 15.	15 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	Over 80.	Unknown.			
Males.	2	1	5	5	4	2	4	4	5	2	1	3	-	Hooping Cough,	62	25	-	-	25	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fem.	3	4	2	3	4	7	1	7	1	5	7	5	-	"	-	37	-	-	37	31	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males.	4	7	5	5	11	9	5	11	11	12	3	7	-	Hydrocephalus,	142	69	73	-	59	5	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fem.	4	12	5	7	12	7	9	13	12	5	9	6	-	"	1	1	-	-	61	6	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Hydrophobia,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fem.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males.	14	6	9	2	24	13	18	51	45	25	16	26	1	Infantile,	448	219	-	-	219	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fem.	7	6	9	8	11	9	24	40	25	25	19	13	1	"	-	-	167	62	167	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Unkn.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males.	1	1	2	4	2	3	1	4	5	1	-	3	-	Inflammation,	27	15	12	-	10	1	2	-	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fem.	3	2	3	4	2	2	3	4	1	-	-	-	-	"	5	2	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males.	3	2	6	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Influenza,	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fem.	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	2	4	-	"	-	18	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	7	2	2	1	2	1	-	
Males.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Intemperance,	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fem.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males.	2	2	3	2	-	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	-	Insanity,	23	10	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fem.	-	4	2	-	3	2	1	1	1	4	1	1	-	"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males.	-	-	-	-	1	5	1	2	1	1	2	1	-	Jaundice,	23	12	13	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fem.	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	-	"	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Kidneys, Disease of,	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fem.	1	2	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Laryngitis,	4	2	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fem.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lightning,	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fem.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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SEX.	MONTHS.												WHOLE NO.				AGES.																
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Males,	1	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	Poisoned,	12	7	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fem.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	"	-	-	5	-	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males,	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Purpura,	3	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fem.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males,	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	Quinsy,	3	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fem.	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	-	2	1	-	-	-	"	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males,	7	6	8	8	19	9	6	10	14	6	16	26	-	Rheumatism,	17	9	-	-	-	3	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fem.	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	1	2	-	-	"	-	-	8	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males,	9	9	10	5	12	11	4	7	8	15	15	22	-	Scarlatina,	202	106	94	-	76	24	3	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fem.	9	9	10	5	12	11	4	7	8	15	15	22	-	"	-	-	-	2	53	30	7	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Unkn.	4	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	"	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males,	2	2	-	1	3	1	-	4	1	3	2	3	-	Scrofula,	35	17	-	-	8	2	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fem.	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	2	3	-	"	-	-	18	-	4	2	1	4	2	1	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	
Males,	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	5	-	Small Pox,	27	15	-	-	5	1	1	1	4	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fem.	2	1	3	1	-	-	1	1	2	1	-	8	-	"	-	-	12	-	3	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males,	2	1	3	1	-	2	1	3	3	1	2	-	-	Spine, Dis. of,	16	10	-	-	4	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fem.	3	-	3	4	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	"	-	-	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males,	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	Stomach, Dis. of,	6	3	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fem.	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	"	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	Strangury,	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fem.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Suddenly,	11	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fem.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	2	-	"	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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TABLE X. DEATHS. 1848.

Exhibiting the number of each sex in the several Counties, during each month between May 1 and December 31,

1848.

Months.	Sex.	Whole No.	Barnstable	Berkshire.	Bristol.	Dukes and Nantucket.	Essex.	Franklin.	Hampden.	Hampshire.	Middlesex.	Norfolk.	Plymouth.	Suffolk.	Worcester.
May,	Total,	859	25	48	94	11	126	30	35	39	167	78	49	2	155
	Males,	395	11	22	37	8	63	14	19	14	70	34	16	1	86
	Females,	455	14	24	55	3	61	16	16	25	96	42	33	1	69
	Unknown,	9	-	2	2	-	2	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-
June,	Total,	721	25	41	66	11	102	24	34	36	153	78	30	7	114
	Males,	367	9	11	32	4	49	8	19	16	89	40	21	3	66
	Females,	340	16	30	33	5	51	16	14	20	60	36	9	4	46
	Unknown,	14	-	-	1	2	2	-	1	-	4	2	-	-	2
July,	Total,	980	19	43	83	5	128	40	58	67	207	91	38	8	193
	Males,	458	13	20	36	3	61	19	29	30	91	39	21	4	92
	Females,	502	6	22	45	2	66	17	29	35	109	51	17	3	100
	Unknown,	20	-	1	2	-	1	4	-	2	7	1	-	1	-
Aug.,	Total,	2013	58	66	173	20	297	57	124	104	467	186	103	25	333
	Males,	984	23	34	76	8	153	29	60	43	223	102	46	13	174
	Females,	986	35	30	87	12	143	24	64	59	226	83	55	12	156
	Unknown,	43	-	2	10	-	1	4	-	2	18	1	2	-	3
Sept.,	Total,	2049	85	65	154	16	396	59	103	90	383	225	129	15	329
	Males,	993	49	31	60	6	194	28	44	41	190	113	69	7	161
	Females,	1017	35	34	86	9	198	28	57	48	183	110	58	8	163
	Unknown,	39	1	-	8	1	4	3	2	1	10	2	-	-	5
Oct.,	Total,	1287	68	36	95	32	205	46	73	59	257	111	79	11	215
	Males,	628	40	18	51	19	97	28	34	31	119	56	34	8	93
	Females,	638	28	15	43	13	108	17	38	25	133	54	45	3	116
	Unknown,	21	-	3	1	-	-	1	1	3	5	1	-	-	6
Nov.,	Total,	871	25	38	80	23	144	22	58	28	199	77	59	8	110
	Males,	385	13	15	35	13	67	11	26	15	84	31	24	4	47
	Females,	469	11	23	43	10	76	11	32	11	110	45	35	4	58
	Unknown,	17	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	2	5	1	-	-	5
Dec.,	Total,	826	20	35	89	4	127	36	40	37	183	86	51	15	103
	Males,	399	7	18	49	2	55	15	21	19	95	42	17	12	47
	Females,	415	13	17	35	2	71	20	18	17	87	43	33	3	56
	Unknown,	12	-	-	5	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-
Not stated,	Total,	50	2	17	2	-	1	10	-	1	4	2	1	-	10
	Males,	18	2	8	1	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3
	Females,	19	-	7	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	1	-	6
	Unknown,	13	-	2	-	-	-	9	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Total,	Total,	9656	327	389	836	122	1526	324	525	461	2020	934	539	91	1562
	Males,	4627	167	177	377	63	740	152	252	209	964	457	248	52	769
	Females,	4841	158	202	428	56	774	150	268	241	1004	466	286	38	770
	Unknown,	188	2	10	31	3	12	22	5	11	52	11	5	1	23

TABLE XI. DEATHS. 1848.

Exhibiting the number of each sex at different ages in the several Counties, between May 1 and December 31,

1848.

Ages.	Sex.	Whole No.	Barnstable	Berkshire.	Bristol.	Dukes and Nantucket.	Essex.	Franklin.	Hampden.	Hampshire	Middlesex.	Norfolk.	Plymouth.	Suffolk.	Worcester.
Under 5,	Total,	3788	120	107	355	33	592	83	174	156	893	420	205	41	609
	Males,	2018	71	51	165	22	325	29	84	86	476	228	119	24	338
	Females,	1628	47	48	162	9	259	35	85	62	381	182	82	17	259
5 to 10,	Unknown	142	2	8	28	2	8	19	5	8	36	10	4	-	12
	Total,	438	21	23	49	8	77	9	17	21	91	37	25	6	54
	Males,	234	12	13	26	3	35	6	9	10	43	22	16	2	37
10 to 15,	Females,	201	9	10	23	5	42	3	8	10	47	15	8	4	17
	Unknown	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	Total,	216	8	5	16	5	38	7	17	14	36	15	12	3	40
15 to 20,	Males,	99	5	2	8	3	15	2	7	5	18	6	6	1	21
	Females,	116	3	3	8	1	23	5	10	9	18	9	6	2	19
	Unknown	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 to 30,	Total,	395	15	17	27	4	49	15	30	27	92	38	16	1	64
	Males,	149	7	7	10	3	23	7	6	7	38	9	7	-	25
	Females,	246	8	10	17	1	26	8	24	20	54	29	9	1	39
30 to 40,	Total,	1027	24	48	73	6	142	45	66	54	233	100	41	8	187
	Males,	419	9	15	23	1	64	27	33	24	95	46	10	2	70
	Females,	608	15	33	50	5	78	18	33	30	138	54	31	6	117
40 to 50,	Total,	720	29	29	61	12	110	21	44	27	158	76	31	6	116
	Males,	301	14	8	33	4	46	6	21	7	65	32	12	5	48
	Females,	419	15	21	28	8	64	15	23	20	93	44	19	1	68
50 to 60,	Total,	549	13	19	49	8	102	15	37	19	102	51	30	5	99
	Males,	285	6	11	20	6	54	10	17	10	55	31	9	5	51
	Females,	264	7	8	29	2	48	5	20	9	47	20	21	-	48
60 to 70,	Total,	490	17	21	47	4	73	18	32	33	91	40	36	1	77
	Males,	235	7	9	25	2	30	8	19	16	46	16	13	1	43
	Females,	254	10	12	22	2	42	10	13	17	45	24	23	-	34
70 to 80,	Unknown	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total,	602	26	35	47	13	106	22	40	28	96	53	35	8	93
	Males,	278	12	16	20	6	50	11	19	12	47	26	13	6	40
Over 80,	Females,	324	14	19	27	7	56	11	21	16	49	27	22	2	53
	Total,	643	19	29	62	17	120	37	34	33	94	46	53	6	93
	Males,	279	7	12	31	7	55	20	19	12	33	18	21	4	40
Not stat- ed,	Females,	364	12	17	31	10	65	17	15	21	61	28	32	2	53
	Total,	582	23	42	38	10	98	30	28	40	85	36	45	3	104
	Males,	251	11	25	14	4	33	15	14	18	33	14	19	-	51
Total,	Females,	331	12	17	24	6	65	15	14	22	52	22	26	3	53
	Total,	206	12	14	12	2	19	22	6	9	49	22	10	3	26
	Males,	79	6	8	2	2	10	11	4	2	15	9	3	2	5
Total,	Females,	86	6	4	7	-	6	8	2	5	19	12	7	-	10
	Unknown	41	-	2	3	-	3	3	-	2	15	1	-	1	11
Total,	Total,	9656	327	389	836	122	1526	324	525	461	2020	934	539	91	1562
	Males,	4627	167	177	377	63	740	152	252	209	964	457	248	52	769
	Females,	4841	158	202	428	56	774	150	268	241	1004	466	286	38	770
Total,	Unknown	188	2	10	31	3	12	22	5	11	52	11	5	1	23

TABLE XII. CAUSES OF DEATH. 1849.

Exhibiting the number from different causes, (alphabetically arranged,) at various ages of each sex, during the several months of the year
1849.

SEX.	MONTHS.												DISEASES.	WHOLE NO.				AGES.															
	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.		Unknown.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Unknown.	Under 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 15.	15 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	Over 80.	Unknown.			
Males,	1	2	2	-	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	-	24	14	-	-	1	-	-	1	4	3	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	1		
Fem.	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	3	2	10	-	1	-	-	1	1	5	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Males,	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fem.	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males,	7	8	-	6	2	12	3	3	6	8	4	6	-	123	73	-	-	-	-	2	5	8	7	9	13	16	11	1	-	-	-	-	
Fem.	2	2	8	1	7	5	3	6	5	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	50	-	-	-	2	3	8	7	8	15	7	-	-	-	-	-	
Males,	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	1	1	-	-	9	5	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fem.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males,	-	1	2	-	-	-	4	1	1	2	1	3	-	23	1	-	-	-	-	2	8	7	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fem.	2	2	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males,	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fem.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males,	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	8	4	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fem.	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males,	11	14	7	4	10	7	14	16	8	7	5	11	-	229	114	-	-	-	-	4	3	15	9	7	10	6	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Fem.	7	9	13	9	14	8	17	7	6	11	5	9	-	-	-	-	115	-	-	7	28	13	8	7	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Males,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fem.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Males, Fem.	4 4	5 3	6 4	3 3	2 1	11 1	10 4	24 25	94 80	62 62	24 24	8 4	5 6	-	Bowels, Disease of, " " " "	-	482	252	-	-	199 171	11 8	3 4	4 2	4 7	12 10	4 3	4 3	3 4	1 2		
Unkn.	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	" "	-	-	-	225	5	3	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-		
Males, Fem.	9 12	13 9	18 10	7 13	28 15	16 16	9 8	15 14	12 13	8 14	13 10	15 9	6 5	1	Brain, Inflammation of, " " " "	-	294	164	-	-	76 61	21 18	9 11	17 15	10 7	9 4	5 3	3 2	1 1	-		
Males, Fem.	3 3	9 7	11 6	7 7	2 7	10 10	9 6	5 5	1	8	12	5	1	Brain, Disease of, " " " "	-	164	83	-	-	43 50	13 7	1 3	2 4	5 6	1 3	2 2	1 1	-	-	-		
Unkn.	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	" "	-	-	-	-	79	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Males, Fem.	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	Bone, Disease of, " " " "	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Males, Fem.	1 2	1 2	2 2	-	1 2	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	Bronchitis, " " " "	-	23	10	-	-	6 7	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	
Males, Fem.	3 3	1 4	4 2	-	2 2	1 3	4 5	4 4	-	5	4	4	-	Burns and Scalds, " " " "	-	53	30	-	13	21 12	3 2	3 1	-	-	2 1	2 1	2 2	1 1	-	-	-	
Males, Fem.	11 7	9 3	17 3	22 2	14 1	15 4	15 6	23 1	13 1	14	-	-	-	Casualty, " " " "	-	191	166	-	23	18 9	8 1	4 1	10 2	31 37	26 13	15 2	4 4	5 1	5 3	3		
Males, Fem.	3 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Catarh, " " " "	-	2	1	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	2	4	1	
Males, Fem.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	" "	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Males, Fem.	7 8	3 4	3 3	5 10	3 7	12 12	5 5	6 6	2 5	2 6	5 10	-	-	Cancer, " " " "	-	126	47	-	79	6	-	1	-	1	4	3	7	8	10	7	-	
Males, Fem.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Chicken Pox, " " " "	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males, Fem.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Child Birth, " " " "	-	212	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males, Fem.	15 3	18 1	31 1	14 2	19 16	14 53	14 412	13 174	17 9	16 8	13 9	24 2	-	-	" "	-	-	-	212	-	-	-	-	5110	73	16	-	-	-	-	8	
Males, Fem.	3 1	1 2	2 2	2 2	16 11	53 46	308 128	8 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	Cholera, " " " "	-	1188	675	-	511	62 60	41 27	22 16	20 22	110 105	148 139	113 68	72 31	41 24	15 7	4	
Unkn.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	" "	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	
Males, Fem.	2 2	1 2	1 2	2 3	29 17	57 71	62 10	16 1	7 1	4 1	1 1	-	-	Cholera Infantum, " " " "	-	360	184	-	172	182 169	2 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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Males, Fem.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Chorea, " " " "	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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Males, Fem.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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SEX.	MONTHS.												AGES.											
	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.												
	Unknown.	Unknown.	Unknown.	Unknown.	Unknown.	Unknown.	Unknown.	Unknown.	Unknown.	Unknown.	Unknown.	Unknown.												
Males,	118	125	112	130	137	119	125	145	181	109	123	102	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unknown.
Fem.	177	153	175	175	178	166	158	193	187	189	165	156	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Over 80.
Unkn.	-	-	2	-	-	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unknown.
Males,	8	6	18	12	9	9	9	11	13	15	10	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unknown.
Fem.	10	7	15	9	11	8	15	21	11	11	5	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unknown.
Unkn.	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unknown.
Males,	39	23	14	14	16	8	5	8	8	13	15	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unknown.
Fem.	19	22	12	14	8	7	2	9	13	11	18	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unknown.
Unkn.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unknown.
Males,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unknown.
Fem.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unknown.
Males,	2	1	4	2	3	1	7	3	9	3	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unknown.
Fem.	-	4	5	4	5	3	9	5	9	5	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unknown.
Males,	1	1	2	4	3	-	3	4	4	3	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unknown.
Fem.	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	6	14	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unknown.
Males,	4	2	1	1	1	4	4	3	3	14	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unknown.
Fem.	4	2	1	1	1	13	28	26	15	7	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unknown.
Unkn.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unknown.
Males,	1	2	1	1	-	-	3	1	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unknown.
Fem.	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	26	11	22	16	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unknown.
Males,	14	12	16	14	16	9	9	17	26	11	22	16	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unknown.
Fem.	13	15	23	17	13	25	18	22	19	20	20	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unknown.
Unkn.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unknown.
Males,	2	-	1	1	4	5	1	2	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unknown.
Fem.	2	2	2	2	1	1	3	1	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unknown.

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SEX.	MONTHS.												WHOLE NO.			AGES.																		
	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Unknown.	DISEASES.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Unknown.	Under 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 15.	15 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	Over 80.	Unknown.				
Males.	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Frozen,	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-			
Fem.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	1	-	-			
Males.	-	-	1	1	1	2	-	1	2	-	2	-	-	Gastritis,	38	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	1	1	2	-	-	-		
Fem.	3	-	2	1	-	4	3	1	6	5	3	-	-	"	-	-	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	8	2	2	2	2	-	-		
Males.	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	Gout,	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	-	-	-		
Fem.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Males.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Generative Or., Dis. of,	12	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Fem.	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	1	-	2	-	"	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Males.	2	1	2	1	3	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	Gravel,	15	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	4	4	1	1	-	-	
Fem.	2	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Males.	19	15	23	11	21	18	19	11	11	19	11	23	-	Heart, Disease of,	358	201	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	21	18	29	31	9	1	-
Fem.	18	8	14	8	24	11	8	14	14	11	12	15	-	"	-	-	157	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	18	16	19	24	6	-	
Males.	-	-	-	-	-	31	32	3	-	-	-	-	-	Heat,	71	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	1	-	-	-	6	
Fem.	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Males.	1	2	1	4	1	1	3	2	2	3	-	4	-	Hemorrhage,	44	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	5	2	1	2	-	-	-	
Fem.	2	1	4	-	-	4	1	3	3	1	-	1	-	"	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	1	2	-	-		
Males.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Hernia,	10	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	-		
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Males.	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	Hip Complaint,	10	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Fem.	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Males.	6	4	8	3	7	6	7	6	15	8	3	7	-	Hooping Cough,	164	80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fem.	6	3	4	8	11	2	6	10	15	9	5	4	-	"	-	-	83	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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Males.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Homicide,	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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SEX.	MONTHS.												DISEASES.	WHOLE NO.			AGES.																
	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.		Unknown.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Unknown.	Under 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 15.	15 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	Over 80.	Unknown.			
Males, Fem.	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Malpractice,	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Males, Fem.	2	3	7	4	3	2	6	13	9	6	6	4	-	Marrasmus,	116	65	-	-	52	3	-	-	-	2	1	4	1	2	-	-	-		
Males, Fem.	4	2	6	7	3	-	9	4	5	3	2	5	-	"	-	50	-	-	38	2	1	2	4	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Unkn.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Males, Fem.	6	13	31	36	32	15	7	4	3	1	2	1	-	Measles,	358	151	-	-	123	15	3	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males, Fem.	8	28	42	42	31	18	12	13	4	3	2	1	-	"	-	-	204	-	164	13	2	5	9	4	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Unkn.	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males, Fem.	1	1	2	3	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	-	Mortification,	26	15	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	3	1	5	2	2	-	-	-	
Males, Fem.	2	1	-	1	1	-	2	1	-	1	1	-	1	"	10	2	-	11	1	-	4	1	-	1	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	
Males, Fem.	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	"	-	-	-	8	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males, Fem.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	"	4	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males, Fem.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males, Fem.	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	"	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Males, Fem.	52	40	46	22	28	27	33	29	35	29	29	28	1	Old Age,	938	396	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5114	273	384	7	-	-	
Males, Fem.	59	57	48	52	47	29	48	32	47	49	36	36	2	"	-	-	542	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	17134	384	14	1	1	-	-	
Males, Fem.	8	13	7	7	12	2	6	9	10	9	8	10	-	Paralysis,	220	101	-	-	1	2	-	2	4	5	12	16	44	14	1	1	-	-	
Males, Fem.	12	9	9	9	8	12	9	15	10	7	6	12	1	"	-	-	119	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	411	24	45	26	6	-	-	
Males, Fem.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	"	4	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males, Fem.	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	"	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males, Fem.	1	-	-	1	-	2	1	1	-	1	1	2	-	Peritonitis,	13	6	-	-	7	1	1	1	1	2	-	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	
Males, Fem.	5	8	2	2	7	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	"	68	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	5	7	6	9	1	-
Males, Fem.	4	7	6	2	4	1	-	1	2	1	-	4	-	Pleurisy,	-	-	32	-	2	1	2	6	2	3	1	2	6	3	7	3	-	-	

	40	69	48	61	38	40	16	10	12	26	30	46			815	436			224	20	411	23	37	15	31	21	6	1
Males,	38	46	56	38	39	26	13	9	19	23	29	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	192	17	5	8	18	20	33	41	14	1
Fem.	1	2	-	1	1	-	1	1	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unkn.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	-
Males,	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	-
Fem.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Males,	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Fem.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Fem.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Fem.	-	-	2	1	1	-	4	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	-	-	-	1	3	1	-	-
Males,	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	3	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
Fem.	63	62	70	65	72	49	41	35	21	23	17	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	382	130	21	4	7	1	-	-	-	4
Males,	57	74	70	82	68	81	29	37	27	21	19	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	403	141	26	7	4	3	2	-	-	1
Fem.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Unkn.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Males,	3	4	2	2	6	2	1	5	2	5	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	7	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fem.	2	1	2	5	3	1	5	8	1	2	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Fem.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	2	3	2	4	1	-
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SEX.	MONTHS.												WHOLE NO.				AGE.																
	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Unknown.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Unknown.	Under 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 15.	15 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	Over 80.	Unknown.				
Males,	1	1	2	-	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	10	6	-	4	-	2	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-		
Fem.	1	1	1	3	7	5	2	5	5	4	2	5	-	67	48	4	-	-	3	-	-	9	6	7	8	10	7	5	-	-	-		
Males,	1	-	-	1	3	1	-	4	5	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	3	-	-	3	5	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fem.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Unkn.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males,	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	5	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fem.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males,	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fem.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males,	3	8	7	1	6	7	8	32	34	17	1	14	-	287	138	-	137	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fem.	5	4	5	7	3	6	12	36	33	21	9	7	-	-	-	148	147	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Unkn.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	2	1	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Males,	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	13	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fem.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Males,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fem.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Males,	2	4	3	1	2	-	1	2	1	1	-	-	1	38	18	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	1	-	7	1	-	-	-	-	-
Fem.	2	3	1	3	1	3	3	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	2	1	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	-
Males,	5	3	7	4	7	3	4	14	11	7	5	3	-	129	73	-	20	-	-	-	-	4	4	1	6	2	4	1	-	-	-	-	-
Fem.	3	4	1	3	2	10	1	11	5	5	3	6	-	-	-	-	54	-	-	-	-	2	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unkn.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Males,	33	32	39	29	34	22	51	44	57	32	27	32	6	985	498	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	43	22	17	28	22	21	9	34	-	-	-
Fem.	48	34	39	33	38	31	46	53	65	37	25	33	6	-	-	488	159	25	9	18	54	33	32	24	37	21	39	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unkn.	4	8	6	6	3	4	7	3	12	-	3	3	-	-	-	59	48	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE XII. CAUSES OF DEATH—1849. CONTINUED.

SEX.	MONTHS.												DISEASES.	WHOLE NO.			AGES.															
	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.		Unknown.	Males.	Females.	Unknown.	Under 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 15.	15 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	Over 80.	Unknown.			
Males,	-	-	6	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	9	-	-	2	1	2	-	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Females,	-	-	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males,	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Females,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males,	2	-	1	3	3	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	14	4	10	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Females,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Males,	658	672	707	643	705	627	838	1604	1533	837	562	619	14	-	10019	-	-	4169	593	207	262	966	858	719	581	555	534	453	147	-	-	
Females,	701	674	768	752	684	648	779	1550	1511	910	588	630	13	-	-	-	-	3577	571	261	441	1269	954	642	517	610	624	611	131	-	-	
Unkn.	14	14	22	13	9	13	16	28	34	13	9	7	4	-	-	196	-	169	4	1	-	2	1	2	-	2	-	-	-	15	-	
Total,	1363	1360	1497	1408	1398	1288	1623	3182	3078	1760	1159	1256	31	-	20423	-	-	7915	1168	469	703	2237	1808	1363	1098	1167	1158	1044	258	-	-	
Males,	3	4	3	5	5	7	5	2	10	3	4	8	-	-	457	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Females,	4	6	1	2	5	-	4	4	4	3	1	12	-	-	-	46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Unkn.	28	28	33	40	21	29	27	27	23	16	23	30	7	-	-	-	332	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Gr. total,	1418	1398	1534	1455	1429	1294	1659	3215	3115	1782	1187	1306	38	-	20860	10078	10254	528	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE XIII. DEATHS. 1849.

Exhibiting the number of each sex in the several Counties, during each month of the year

1849.

Months.	Sex.	Whole No.	Barnstable.	Berkshire.	Bristol.	Dukes and Nantucket.	Essex.	Franklin.	Hampden.	Hampshire.	Middlesex.	Norfolk.	Plymouth.	Suffolk.	Worcester.
Jan.	Total,	1383	29	52	93	14	184	43	64	43	222	96	66	332	145
	Males,	668	18	23	44	9	86	21	32	17	100	56	25	161	76
	Females,	701	11	28	44	5	97	21	31	26	122	40	41	166	69
	Unknown,	14	-	1	5	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	5	-
Feb.	Total,	1360	30	55	80	13	172	45	62	51	178	66	72	386	150
	Males,	672	14	25	41	10	88	16	34	26	101	37	33	189	58
	Females,	674	16	30	37	2	82	28	28	24	76	28	39	196	88
	Unknown,	14	-	-	2	1	2	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	4
March,	Total,	1497	38	63	71	19	175	35	79	54	190	110	56	441	166
	Males,	707	14	27	31	10	82	15	32	31	86	52	32	206	89
	Females,	768	20	35	36	9	91	19	45	23	103	56	24	235	72
	Unknown,	22	4	1	4	-	2	1	2	-	1	2	-	-	5
April,	Total,	1408	28	55	93	12	173	33	57	31	221	84	63	390	168
	Males,	643	12	25	41	3	88	15	25	14	101	40	28	181	70
	Females,	752	15	30	50	8	84	16	32	16	116	43	35	209	98
	Unknown,	13	1	-	2	1	1	2	-	1	4	1	-	-	-
May,	Total,	1398	29	45	88	11	186	39	76	38	208	134	65	332	147
	Males,	705	16	19	36	5	99	18	37	17	107	58	31	179	83
	Females,	684	12	26	50	5	85	20	39	21	101	76	34	153	62
	Unknown,	9	1	-	2	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
June,	Total,	1288	27	43	82	15	170	34	61	36	194	103	59	302	162
	Males,	627	16	23	38	9	77	16	33	18	96	36	22	158	85
	Females,	648	11	19	43	6	89	17	27	18	95	66	37	143	77
	Unknown,	13	-	1	1	-	4	1	1	-	3	1	-	1	-
July,	Total,	1623	30	49	93	18	184	37	84	48	256	115	59	452	198
	Males,	828	19	23	48	8	95	13	57	23	135	59	19	233	96
	Females,	779	10	26	42	9	87	22	25	25	119	56	40	219	99
	Unknown,	16	1	-	3	1	2	2	2	-	2	-	-	-	3
Aug.,	Total,	3182	60	62	119	18	308	56	251	113	460	180	86	1046	423
	Males,	1604	24	28	59	9	149	22	138	65	221	79	45	542	223
	Females,	1550	35	34	57	7	157	32	112	45	233	100	40	503	195
	Unknown,	28	1	-	3	2	2	2	1	3	6	1	1	1	5
Sept.,	Total,	3078	97	103	164	27	361	75	204	103	468	246	136	663	431
	Males,	1533	47	57	83	11	164	38	95	48	230	136	68	354	202
	Females,	1511	47	45	72	16	191	37	107	54	230	107	68	309	228
	Unknown,	34	3	1	9	-	6	-	2	1	8	3	-	-	1
Oct.,	Total,	1760	67	66	119	21	220	45	115	65	245	132	92	335	238
	Males,	837	35	28	56	8	91	17	51	33	126	59	47	169	117
	Females,	910	29	38	62	12	127	27	63	32	119	72	45	166	118
	Unknown,	13	3	-	1	1	2	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	3
Nov.,	Total,	1159	42	53	85	13	140	24	66	39	166	78	57	242	154
	Males,	562	20	24	47	2	72	9	27	15	79	38	27	130	72
	Females,	588	21	28	37	11	66	15	39	24	84	39	30	112	82
	Unknown,	9	1	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-

TABLE XIII. DEATHS—1849. CONTINUED.

Months	Sex.	Whole No.	Barnstable.	Berkshire.	Bristol.	Dukes and Nantucket.	Essex.	Franklin.	Hampden.	Hampshire.	Middlesex.	Norfolk.	Plymouth.	Suffolk.	Worcester.
Dec.,	Total,	1256	27	48	60	14	173	25	75	38	169	81	55	345	146
	Males,	619	12	24	31	9	83	9	36	19	87	41	27	181	60
	Fem.	630	15	24	27	5	90	16	37	19	82	38	27	164	86
	Unkn.	7	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	1	-	-
Not stated	Total,	31	1	1	9	-	4	4	4	1	2	2	-	-	3
	Males,	14	1	-	4	-	3	1	3	-	-	1	-	-	1
	Fem.	13	-	1	2	-	1	2	1	1	2	1	-	-	2
	Unkn.	4	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total,	Total,	20,423	505	695	1156	195	2450	495	1198	660	2979	1427	866	5266	2531
	Males,	10,019	248	326	559	93	1177	210	600	326	1469	692	404	2683	1232
	Fem.	10,208	242	364	559	95	1247	272	586	328	1482	722	460	2575	1276
	Unkn.	196	15	5	38	7	26	13	12	6	28	13	2	8	23

TABLE XIV. DEATHS. 1849.

Exhibiting the number of each sex at different ages in the several Counties, during the year

1849.

Ages.	Sex	Whole No.	Barnstable.	Berkshire.	Bristol.	Dukes and Nantucket.	Essex.	Franklin.	Hampden.	Hampshire.	Middlesex.	Norfolk.	Plymouth.	Suffolk.	Worcester.
Under 1,	Total,	3691	94	100	232	30	403	80	219	132	526	287	139	1020	429
	Males,	1994	46	56	117	16	230	38	113	72	294	152	88	537	235
	Females,	1558	36	41	87	9	152	33	98	54	215	124	50	478	181
	Unknown	139	12	3	28	5	21	9	8	6	17	11	1	5	13
1 to 2,	Total,	2092	54	52	104	12	274	33	117	60	319	151	66	638	212
	Males,	1099	30	29	55	4	145	11	54	32	169	82	30	338	120
	Females,	977	23	23	46	7	126	20	61	28	147	69	35	300	92
	Unknown	16	1	-	3	1	3	2	-	-	3	-	1	-	-
2 to 3,	Total,	1034	25	41	56	6	109	19	55	29	158	68	42	290	136
	Males,	518	12	22	26	1	58	10	30	20	76	27	20	140	76
	Females,	507	13	19	28	5	51	9	24	9	81	40	22	149	57
	Unknown	9	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	3
3 to 4,	Total,	656	13	23	29	7	82	12	38	19	102	40	22	194	75
	Males,	342	7	11	14	4	39	6	22	8	55	21	10	107	38
	Females,	311	6	11	15	3	43	5	16	11	47	19	12	87	36
	Unknown	3	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
4 to 5,	Total,	442	8	10	22	2	60	3	23	14	63	30	24	135	48
	Males,	216	7	5	13	2	21	1	9	8	31	15	12	65	27
	Females,	224	1	5	9	-	39	2	14	6	31	15	12	69	21
	Unknown	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Under 5,	Total,	7915	194	226	443	57	928	147	452	254	1168	576	293	2277	900
	Males,	4169	102	123	225	27	493	66	228	140	625	297	160	1187	496
	Females,	3577	79	99	185	24	411	69	213	108	521	267	131	1083	387
	Unknown	169	13	4	33	6	24	12	11	6	22	12	2	7	17
5 to 10,	Total,	1168	18	27	44	7	146	32	73	25	163	78	41	363	151
	Males,	593	8	10	16	5	76	12	32	13	88	44	21	192	76
	Females,	571	10	17	27	2	69	19	41	12	75	34	20	170	75
	Unknown	4	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
10 to 15,	Total,	469	13	16	18	3	61	10	24	19	71	32	25	112	65
	Males,	207	6	8	9	3	30	1	9	7	29	15	10	57	23
	Females,	261	7	8	9	-	31	9	15	12	42	16	15	55	42
	Unknown	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
15 to 20,	Total,	703	22	31	42	7	70	13	57	26	130	40	27	146	92
	Males,	262	10	13	19	-	20	6	18	8	40	16	7	66	39
	Females,	441	12	18	23	7	50	7	39	18	90	24	20	80	53
	Unknown	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 to 30,	Total,	2237	42	77	103	16	232	55	137	64	365	155	76	666	249
	Males,	966	22	27	47	9	92	24	68	22	159	59	29	303	105
	Females,	1269	19	50	56	7	140	31	69	42	206	96	47	363	143
	Unknown	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
30 to 40,	Total,	1808	40	60	84	12	163	30	124	45	277	114	45	614	200
	Males,	853	17	22	39	8	76	8	66	24	109	51	18	320	95
	Females,	954	23	38	45	4	87	22	58	21	167	63	27	294	105
	Unknown	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
40 to 50,	Total,	1363	33	41	76	6	144	26	65	35	197	87	58	432	163
	Males,	719	16	15	36	3	79	13	33	16	119	43	26	246	74
	Females,	642	17	26	39	3	65	13	31	19	78	44	32	186	89
	Unknown	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE XIV. DEATHS—1849. CONTINUED.

Age.	Sex.	Whole No.	Barstable.	Berkshire.	Bristol.	Dukes and Nantucket.	Essex.	Franklin.	Hampden.	Hampshire.	Middlesex.	Norfolk.	Plymouth.	Proffit.	Worcester.
50 to	Total,	1098	26	34	72	13	143	22	82	34	148	82	46	248	148
60,	Males,	581	12	14	34	7	78	10	45	17	73	44	29	149	69
	Fem.	517	14	20	38	6	65	12	37	17	75	38	17	99	79
60 to	Total,	1167	37	48	82	20	150	45	65	45	166	78	57	196	178
70,	Males,	555	18	20	42	8	63	21	37	27	87	43	25	80	84
	Fem.	610	19	28	39	12	87	24	28	18	78	35	32	116	94
	Unk'n,	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
70 to	Total,	1158	43	60	91	27	189	36	48	44	149	80	89	120	182
80,	Males,	534	20	32	46	12	83	17	26	16	74	37	37	46	88
	Fem.	624	23	28	45	15	106	19	22	28	75	43	52	74	94
80 to	Total,	851	19	39	62	16	155	46	46	47	93	70	78	52	128
90,	Males,	360	10	23	23	8	61	18	24	22	44	29	31	16	51
	Fem.	491	9	16	39	8	94	28	22	25	49	41	47	36	77
90 to	Total,	180	6	14	12	3	26	7	5	8	24	14	10	15	36
100,	Males,	65	2	8	6	-	4	3	5	3	7	5	3	5	14
	Fem.	115	4	6	6	3	22	4	-	5	17	9	7	10	22
Over	Total,	13	-	1	1	-	2	1	-	1	1	1	-	2	3
100,	Males,	8	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	2
	Fem.	5	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
Not	Total,	293	12	21	26	8	41	25	20	13	27	20	21	23	36
stat'd,	Males,	147	5	10	17	3	21	10	9	10	14	9	8	15	16
	Fem.	131	6	10	7	4	19	15	11	3	9	11	13	8	15
	Unk'n,	15	1	1	2	1	1	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	5
Total,	Total,	20,423	505	695	1156	195	2450	495	1198	660	2979	1427	866	5266	2531
	Males,	10,019	248	326	559	93	1177	210	600	326	1469	692	404	2683	1232
	Fem.	10,208	242	364	559	95	1247	272	586	328	1482	722	460	2575	1276
	Unk'n,	196	15	5	38	7	26	13	12	6	28	13	2	8	23

Erysipelas, -	54	2	-	8	1	7	-	4	4	13	3	7	1	4
Fever, -	206	5	-	9	-	39	7	14	7	23	20	24	1	54
" Intermittent, -	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
" Remittent, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
" Typhus, -	391	10	-	24	3	46	11	25	17	96	61	11	1	69
Hooping Cough, -	62	-	-	13	1	8	-	3	7	16	8	-	-	6
Influenza, -	5	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	17	2	-	-	-
Measles, -	42	-	-	8	2	-	-	2	1	17	4	3	-	5
Scarlatina, -	202	3	-	13	1	21	2	2	10	79	13	16	7	29
Small Pox, -	27	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	15	1	-	-	5
Syphilis, -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Thrush, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, -	3634	109	70	259	43	621	89	223	181	874	368	188	34	575
II. UNCERTAIN SEAT.														
Abscess, -	6	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Atrophy, -	29	-	1	2	-	2	-	-	-	13	3	3	-	5
Cancer, -	77	3	4	6	-	16	7	7	1	11	4	7	1	10
Debility, -	16	-	2	-	-	6	-	-	1	3	1	-	-	3
Dropsy, -	198	2	7	15	3	41	3	9	3	46	14	5	-	40
Gout, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hemorrhage, -	19	1	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	4	2	1	1	4
Infantile, -	448	22	38	62	7	64	2	10	3	109	51	25	4	45
Inflammation, -	27	-	2	1	-	6	1	2	3	3	2	1	-	8
Malformation, -	10	-	-	-	-	2	3	1	3	1	1	-	-	2
Mortification, -	27	2	1	2	1	2	3	1	2	6	3	3	-	4
Scrofula, -	35	1	3	5	-	3	1	3	5	5	3	3	-	3
Suddenly, -	11	-	1	2	-	4	1	-	-	2	-	1	-	-
Tumor, -	14	1	1	2	-	1	-	1	-	3	1	1	-	3
Total, -	912	22	61	98	19	148	20	86	83	268	25	47	6	196

TABLE XV. CLASSIFICATION—1848. CONTINUED.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Whole No.	Barnstable.	Berkshire.	Bristol.	Dukes and Nantucket.	Knox.	Franklin.	Hampden.	Hampshire.	Middlesex.	Norfolk.	Plymouth.	Suffolk.	Worcester.
III. NERVOUS ORGANS.														
Apoplexy, -	55	-	4	5	1	5	4	3	6	9	6	4	-	8
Cephalitis, -	107	5	1	15	-	11	2	15	6	19	8	5	2	18
Convulsions, -	114	3	4	16	2	18	-	4	14	29	17	1	-	6
Delirium Tremens, -	20	-	-	3	-	1	-	5	2	5	-	-	1	3
Epilepsy, -	94	3	7	9	-	13	10	4	2	13	-	7	2	18
Hydrocephalus, -	142	5	5	13	-	24	1	5	8	48	12	3	4	14
Insanity, -	23	1	1	1	-	7	-	3	1	2	1	1	-	5
Paralysis, -	93	5	7	9	8	13	-	2	2	17	6	4	-	20
Tetanus, -	15	1	1	2	-	2	-	1	-	1	1	1	2	3
Disease of Organs, -	77	3	4	5	1	10	2	7	-	15	9	2	1	18
Total, -	740	26	34	78	12	104	19	49	41	158	67	28	12	112
IV. RESPIRATIVE ORGANS.														
Asthma, -	7	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	2	2	-	2
Bronchitis, -	8	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
Consumption, -	1885	77	76	186	28	319	59	90	91	344	172	115	9	319
Hydrothorax, -	24	1	5	1	1	3	1	-	1	4	-	-	-	7
Laryngitis, -	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Pleuritis, -	20	1	1	4	1	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	3
Pneumonia, -	173	6	15	19	2	24	5	12	5	35	10	7	1	32
Quinsy, -	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
Disease of Organs, -	12	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	3	3	-	-	1
Total, -	2136	86	98	210	32	351	69	105	99	392	191	125	11	357

V. CIRCULATIVE ORGANS.												
Pericarditis, -	1	-	5	8	2	26	2	4	49	4	79	104
Disease of Organs, -	127	-	5	8	2	26	2	8	25	18	114	18
Total, -	128	-	6	8	2	26	2	8	25	18	114	18
VI. DIGESTIVE ORGANS.												
Colic, -	22	-	1	2	1	3	-	-	1	4	4	5
Dentition, -	66	-	2	5	3	7	-	-	5	-	16	9
Dyspepsia, -	10	-	1	2	-	3	-	-	3	-	2	1
Enteritis, -	77	-	5	7	-	10	3	-	3	6	20	12
Gastritis, -	13	-	1	-	-	3	2	-	2	1	1	2
Hepatitis, -	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hernia, -	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	1	-
Intussusception, -	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Jaundice, -	23	-	-	4	-	5	-	-	3	1	5	4
Peritonitis, -	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ulceration, -	57	-	-	7	-	17	-	-	-	1	7	3
Worms, -	7	-	-	1	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	6
Disease of Liver, -	42	-	1	9	-	10	1	-	3	2	4	7
" " Spleen, -	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
" " Organs, -	260	-	14	12	-	17	1	-	8	3	47	54
Total, -	591	-	26	49	4	79	8	25	18	103	114	104
VII. URINATIVE ORGANS.												
Diabetes, -	9	-	2	2	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	3
Gravel, -	7	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3
Nephritis, -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Disease of Organs, -	15	-	2	-	-	1	2	1	1	2	1	1
Total, -	32	-	5	4	-	2	2	3	2	5	1	7

TABLE XV. CLASSIFICATION—1848. CONTINUED.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Whole No.	Barnstable.	Berkshire.	Bristol.	Dukes and Raucluck.	Essex.	Franklin.	Hampden.	Hampshire.	Middlesex.	Norfolk.	Plymouth.	Suffolk.	Worcester.
VIII. GENERATIVE ORGANS.														
Childbirth, -	60	2	4	8	-	6	1	4	5	12	4	5	2	7
Puerperal Fever, -	13	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	2	5	2	-	-	-
Disease of Organs, -	7	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-
Total, -	80	2	6	9	-	8	2	5	7	18	9	5	2	7
IX. LOCOMOTIVE ORGANS.														
Rheumatism, -	17	-	1	3	-	-	2	2	1	1	3	-	1	3
Disease of Hip, -	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
" " Spine, -	16	-	3	-	-	1	2	-	1	6	-	-	-	3
" " Organs, -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Total, -	37	-	4	3	-	2	4	2	3	7	5	-	1	7
X. INTERMENTIVE ORGANS.														
Ulcer, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disease of Skin, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
" " Organs, -	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Total, -	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
XI. Old Age, -														
	498	12	28	23	13	97	19	19	39	77	41	39	3	88
XII. VIOLENCE.														
Accidents, -	117	-	6	13	1	19	6	6	7	28	8	1	-	22
Burns and Scalds, -	23	3	-	4	-	2	1	2	1	5	1	1	-	3

Drowned, -	67	2	4	7	-	12	-	3	5	12	3	5	4	10
Executed, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Frozen, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Heat, -	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Hydrophobia,	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Intemperance,	20	-	3	1	-	-	-	6	-	5	-	-	-	-
Lightning,	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Malpractice,	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Murdered,	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Poisoned, -	12	1	-	2	-	5	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	1
Starved, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suffocated,	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suicide, -	39	1	2	3	-	7	-	1	-	6	4	3	-	7
Total, -	286	7	15	30	1	46	13	24	13	61	16	11	4	45
Unknown,	579	37	26	65	3	41	77	22	17	98	24	50	5	104
Still Born,	79	-	-	11	4	20	3	-	-	21	13	-	7	-
Grand Total,	9735	327	389	847	126	1546	327	525	461	2041	947	539	98	1582

TABLE XVI. CLASSIFICATION. 1849.

*Classified Causes of Death in the several Counties, for the year***1849.**

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Whole No.	Barnstable.	Berkshire.	Bristol.	Dukes and Nantucket.	Essex.	Franklin.	Hampden.	Hampshire.	Massachusetts.	Norfolk.	Plymouth.	Suffolk.	Worcester.
All Causes, -	20,423	505	695	1156	195	2450	495	1198	660	2979	1427	866	5266	2531
Specified Causes, -	19,438	477	626	984	190	2384	421	1131	635	2820	1363	787	5205	2435
I. ZYMOTIC DISEASES,	7,520	157	181	262	54	854	151	545	251	1223	536	281	2073	952
<i>Sporadic Diseases of</i>														
II. UNCERTAIN SEAT,	1,906	43	56	91	23	210	45	55	48	273	131	74	630	227
III. NERVOUS ORGANS,	1,663	43	59	103	10	187	47	95	50	239	116	55	444	215
IV. RESPIRATIVE ORGANS,	4,634	153	204	313	71	662	98	255	165	601	282	231	1000	599
V. CIRCULATIVE ORGANS,	379	8	8	31	3	55	5	15	12	63	24	16	88	51
VI. DIGESTIVE ORGANS,	1,375	30	24	65	8	126	17	63	35	120	118	28	590	151
VII. URINARY ORGANS,	57	4	6	1	-	3	3	2	3	6	4	3	13	9
VIII. GENERATIVE ORGANS,	234	5	11	13	-	22	6	6	6	48	17	6	74	20
IX. LOCOMOTIVE ORGANS,	86	2	7	5	-	8	-	7	1	14	5	3	25	9
X. INTERSUTIVE ORGANS,	11	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	4	-
XI. OLD AGE, -	938	15	46	63	17	163	37	43	47	127	81	72	96	131
XII. VIOLENT CAUSES, -	635	16	24	35	4	74	12	45	17	103	49	17	168	71
I. ZYMOTICS.														
Cholera, -	1,188	27	9	41	5	48	1	89	17	202	52	13	658	26
Cholera Infantum, -	360	3	2	10	-	32	3	33	16	91	35	17	62	56
Croup, -	338	6	19	22	2	37	8	24	19	53	32	8	74	34
Diarrhoea, -	209	1	8	2	-	8	4	6	2	37	19	6	113	3
Dysentery, -	2,455	84	72	91	31	285	78	221	125	378	168	96	316	510

Erysipelas, -	151	3	4	5	-	12	4	10	9	15	10	8	57	14
Fever, -	281	12	10	17	4	50	7	28	12	37	29	22	13	40
" Intermittent, -	6	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	2	-
" Remittent, -	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
" Typhus, -	681	7	32	35	9	73	15	48	22	99	54	22	162	103
Whooping Cough, -	164	7	3	20	-	10	4	13	5	15	23	18	35	11
Influenza, -	63	-	1	-	2	9	4	2	1	11	6	4	8	15
Measles, -	358	-	12	1	-	31	6	19	4	23	20	2	213	27
Scarlatina, -	1,143	6	9	12	1	246	16	41	17	218	84	63	334	96
Small Pox, -	114	1	-	5	-	10	-	10	1	44	3	2	21	17
Syphilis, -	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
Thrush, -	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Total, -	7,520	157	181	262	54	854	151	545	251	1,223	536	281	2,073	952
II. UNCERTAIN SEAT.														
Abscess, -	24	-	-	2	-	4	1	2	-	5	3	-	6	1
Atrophy, -	142	3	-	1	1	4	3	3	2	21	6	6	80	12
Cancer, -	126	3	8	7	3	17	6	7	7	12	8	6	19	23
Debility, -	91	1	3	3	5	13	1	-	3	15	5	1	34	7
Dropsy, -	402	4	22	26	4	62	14	14	10	69	38	23	73	43
Gout, -	5	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-
Hemorrhage, -	42	1	1	2	1	3	-	2	2	9	2	-	15	4
Infantile, -	821	20	14	33	4	84	10	17	18	95	55	30	347	94
Inflammation, -	62	6	1	3	2	12	1	6	2	8	2	1	6	12
Malformation, -	17	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	4	2	-	4	5
Mortification, -	18	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	4	3	-	1	5
Scrofula, -	77	-	4	10	-	5	4	2	1	15	2	2	18	14
Suddenly, -	41	3	2	1	3	2	3	-	1	10	-	3	10	3
Tumor, -	38	1	1	-	-	3	1	-	-	4	5	2	17	4
Total, -	1,906	43	56	91	23	910	45	55	48	273	131	74	630	227

TABLE XVI. CLASSIFICATION—1849. CONTINUED.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Whole No.	Barnstable.	Berkshire.	Bristol.	Dukes and Marblehead.	Essex.	Franklin.	Hampden.	Hampshire.	Middlesex.	Norfolk.	Plymouth.	Suffolk.	Worcester.
III. NERVOUS ORGANS.														
Apoplexy, -	123	2	2	8	-	17	7	6	5	23	8	4	21	30
Cephalitis, -	294	13	8	23	2	31	12	23	11	40	16	8	78	30
Convulsions, -	264	9	8	23	2	18	4	19	11	32	29	12	67	30
Delirium Tremens, -	32	-	2	2	-	-	1	1	1	6	1	-	12	6
Epilepsy, -	125	2	8	7	-	16	3	10	5	8	10	5	25	21
Hydrocephalus, -	390	7	17	21	1	31	6	20	9	68	19	6	165	22
Insanity, -	18	1	1	-	-	7	1	-	1	-	3	2	1	1
Paralysis, -	220	5	9	12	4	51	6	8	6	23	14	10	26	46
Tetanus, -	13	-	4	7	1	3	-	1	-	4	2	-	2	1
Disease of Organs, -	184	4	-	-	-	13	2	7	2	37	14	8	47	38
Total, -	1663	43	59	103	10	187	47	95	50	239	116	55	444	215
IV. RESPIRATIVE ORGANS.														
Asthma, -	9	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	1
Bronchitis, -	25	1	-	2	1	5	-	1	2	3	1	1	5	3
Consumption, -	3606	126	158	252	57	535	78	207	123	488	234	200	672	474
Hydrothorax, -	42	2	3	3	1	4	-	3	4	8	1	4	4	5
Laryngitis, -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Pleuritis, -	68	-	5	10	1	5	-	1	4	4	4	1	25	8
Pneumonia, -	815	21	33	45	11	93	18	43	31	91	37	24	270	99
Quincy, -	16	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1
Disease of Organs, -	52	1	4	1	-	7	2	-	1	7	4	1	16	8
Total, -	4634	153	204	313	71	662	96	265	165	691	262	231	1000	599

V. CIRCULATIVE ORGANS.												
Pericarditis, -	4	-	8	-	8	-	31	-	3	1	54	1
Disease of Organs, -	375	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	62	1
Total, -	379	8	8	8	31	3	3	5	15	23	88	51
VI. DIGESTIVE ORGANS.												
Colic, -	24	2	2	-	11	-	20	1	1	5	2	5
Dysentery, -	267	5	2	-	2	1	2	-	17	26	168	11
Dyspepsia, -	17	-	-	-	18	1	26	5	-	4	1	5
Enteritis, -	229	4	5	-	1	1	4	6	13	26	75	19
Gastritis, -	38	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	4	8	6
Hepatitis, -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hernia, -	10	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	4
Intussusceptions, -	3	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Jaundice, -	16	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	3
Peritonitis, -	13	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	4
Ulceration, -	137	6	-	-	4	-	36	-	1	16	6	18
Worms, -	14	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	1	8	-
Disease of Liver, -	87	2	3	-	9	-	9	2	6	11	16	18
" " Spleen, -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
" " Organs, -	498	6	9	-	16	-	21	2	22	25	263	56
Total, -	1375	30	24	65	8	17	63	35	118	590	151	151
VII. URINATIVE ORGANS.												
Diabetes, -	16	-	2	1	-	-	-	1	1	2	4	3
Gravel, -	15	1	3	-	-	-	2	1	1	2	-	2
Nephritis, -	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Disease of Organs, -	23	2	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	9	3
Total, -	57	4	6	1	-	-	3	2	4	13	9	9

TABLE XVI. CLASSIFICATION—1849. CONTINUED.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Whole No.	Barrington.	Berkshire.	Bristol.	Dukes and Kent.	Essex.	Franklin.	Hampden.	Hampshire.	Middlesex.	North.	Plymouth.	Bedford.	Worcester.
VIII. GENERATIVE ORGANS.														
Childbirth, -	212	5	10	11	-	23	5	5	5	45	16	6	68	14
Puerperal Fever, -	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	5	4
Disease of Organs, -	12	-	1	2	-	-	1	-	1	3	1	-	1	2
Total, -	234	5	11	13	-	23	6	6	6	48	17	6	74	20
IX. LOCOMOTIVE ORGANS.														
Rheumatism, -	36	1	1	2	-	3	-	5	1	5	3	2	10	3
Disease of Hip, -	10	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	6	-
" " Joints, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
" " Spine, -	36	1	4	1	-	4	-	2	-	7	2	1	8	6
" " Organs, -	4	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Total, -	86	2	7	5	-	8	-	7	1	14	5	3	25	9
X. INTERCURRENT ORGANS.														
Ulcer, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disease of Skin, -	5	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
" " Organs, -	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	3	-
Total, -	11	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	4	-
XI. OLD AGE,														
-	988	15	46	63	17	163	37	43	47	127	81	72	96	131
XII. VIOLENCE.														
Accidents, -	197	6	11	8	-	17	4	15	2	29	13	4	65	23

TABLE XVII. CLASSIFICATION AND PER CENTAGE.

Classified Causes of Death, and the Per Cent. from each cause, during the last eight years and eight months, viz., since April, 30, 1841.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	WHOLE NUMBER OF DEATHS.				PER CENTAGE.			
	ONE YEAR—1846.			Eight months, 1846.	Seven years, 1842-8.	One year, 1846.	Eight months, 1846.	Seven years, 1842-8.
	City.	Country.	Total.					
All Causes,	9,381	11,042	20,423	9,656	63,923	100.00	100.00	100.00
Specified Causes, -	9,034	10,404	19,438	9,677	57,484	38.70	40.04	27.03
I. ZYMOTIC DISEASES,	3,780	3,780	7,560	3,634	15,538	9.80	10.05	12.79
<i>Sporadic Diseases of</i>						8.55	9.15	9.25
II. UNCERTAIN SEAT, -	1,019	887	1,906	912	7,351	23.85	23.53	29.59
III. NERVOUS ORGANS, -	783	870	1,653	740	5,318	1.94	1.41	1.86
IV. RESPIRATIVE ORGANS,	1,858	2,776	4,634	2,138	17,010	7.07	6.51	5.47
V. CIRCULATIVE ORGANS,	183	226	379	198	1,069	29	35	45
VI. DIGESTIVE ORGANS,	806	569	1,375	591	3,142	1.21	.88	1.14
VII. URINARY ORGANS,	23	34	57	32	261	.43	.41	.51
VIII. GENERATIVE ORGANS,	144	90	234	80	654	.06	.03	.16
IX. LOCOMOTIVE ORGANS,	39	47	86	37	292	4.83	5.49	7.68
X. LIGAMENTATIVE ORGANS,	7	4	11	3	92	3.27	3.15	4.07
XI. OLD AGE, -	193	745	938	498	4,414			
XII. VICARIOUS CAUSES, -	269	366	635	286	2,343			
I. ZYMOTICS.								
Cholera, -	944	244	1,188	41	273	6.14	.45	.48
Cholera Infantum, -	146	214	360	268	1,042	1.85	2.96	1.81
Croup, -	161	177	338	144	1,387	1.70	1.58	2.41
Diarrhoea, -	158	51	209	53	677	1.07	.58	1.18

PER CENTAGE OF DEATHS.

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Dysentery,	797	1658	2455	2135	2413	12.66	23.53	4.20
Erysipelas,	79	72	151	54	571	.77	.60	.99
Fever,	59	222	281	208	1117	1.44	2.29	1.93
“ Intermittent,	3	3	6	1	13	.03	.01	.02
“ Remittent,	2	-	2	-	18	.01	-	.03
“ Typhus,	312	369	681	391	4105	3.51	4.31	7.16
Hoopmg Cough,	76	88	164	62	513	.84	.68	.89
Influenza,	19	44	63	5	192	.32	.06	.33
Measles,	252	106	358	42	417	1.84	.46	.73
Scarlatina,	632	511	1143	202	2675	5.89	2.22	4.65
Small Pox,	85	29	114	27	106	.59	.30	.19
Syphilis,	4	1	5	-	7	.03	-	.01
Thrush,	1	1	2	1	12	.01	.01	.02
Total,	3730	3790	7520	3634	15,538	38.70	40.04	27.03
II. UNCERTAIN SEAT.								
Abscess,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Atrophy,	9	15	24	6	70	.12	.07	.12
Cancer,	108	34	142	29	240	.73	.32	.42
Debility,	40	86	126	77	706	.65	.85	1.23
Dropsy,	51	40	91	16	163	.47	.18	.28
Gout,	153	249	402	193	1420	2.07	2.12	2.47
Hæmorrhage,	3	2	5	-	16	.02	-	.03
Infantile,	24	18	42	19	196	.22	.21	.34
Inflammation,	529	292	821	448	3687	4.23	4.93	6.41
Malformation,	21	41	62	27	152	.32	.30	.26
Mortification,	4	13	17	10	38	.08	.11	.07
Scrofula,	4	14	18	27	216	.09	.30	.37
Suddenly,	36	41	77	35	223	.40	.39	.23
Tumor,	17	24	41	11	123	.21	.12	.22
Total,	20	18	38	14	102	.19	.15	.18
Total,	1019	887	1906	912	7351	9.80	10.05	12.79

TABLE XVII. CLASSIFICATION AND PER CENTAGE. CONTINUED.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	WHOLE NUMBER OF DEATHS.					PER CENTAGE.		
	One Year—1940.			Eight months, 1940.	Seven years, 1942-8.	One year, 1940.	Eight months, 1940.	Seven years, 1942-8.
	City.	Countryside.	Total.					
III. NERVOUS ORGANS.								
Apoplexy,	47	76	123	55	.63	.61	1.02	
Cephalitis,	153	141	294	107	1.32	1.18	1.29	
Convulsions,	137	127	264	125	1.36	1.38	2.16	
Delirium Tremens,	18	14	32	20	.16	.22	.13	
Epilepsy,	39	86	125	83	.64	.92	.13	
Hydrocephalus,	241	149	390	142	2.01	1.56	2.12	
Insanity,	2	16	18	23	.09	.25	.28	
Paralysis,	62	158	220	93	1.14	1.02	1.66	
Tetanus,	4	9	13	15	.06	.16	.07	
Disease of Organs,	90	94	184	77	.94	.85	.44	
Total,	793	870	1663	740	8.55	8.15	9.95	
IV. RESPIRATORY ORGANS.								
Asthma,	3	6	9	7	.04	.08	.09	
Bronchitis,	8	17	25	8	.12	.09	.20	
Consumption,	1948	2258	3806	1885	18.37	20.78	23.89	
Hydrothorax,	11	31	42	24	.22	.26	.30	
Laryngitis,	1	-	1	4	.01	.04	.08	
Pleuritis,	35	33	68	20	.35	.22	.40	
Pneumonia,	424	391	815	173	4.19	1.90	4.44	
Quinsy,	3	13	16	3	.08	.03	.09	
Disease of Organs,	25	27	52	12	.26	.13	.15	
Total,	1858	2776	4634	2186	23.85	23.53	29.59	

V. CIRCULATIVE ORGANS.									
Pericarditis,	-	1	3	4	1	20	.02	.01	.03
Disease of Organs,	-	152	223	375	127	1049	1.92	1.40	1.83
Total,	-	153	226	379	128	1069	1.94	1.41	1.86
VI. DIGESTIVE ORGANS.									
Colic,	-	6	18	24	22	175	.12	.24	.30
Dentition,	-	220	67	287	66	240	1.48	.73	.42
Dyspepsia,	-	3	14	17	10	63	.08	.11	.11
Enteritis,	-	125	104	229	77	790	1.18	.85	1.38
Gastritis,	-	13	25	38	13	86	.19	.14	.15
Hepatitis,	-	-	1	1	3	34	.01	.03	.06
Hernia,	-	3	7	10	4	71	.05	.04	.12
Intussusception,	-	1	2	3	4	64	.02	.04	.11
Jaundice,	-	5	11	16	23	103	.08	.25	.18
Peritonitis,	-	8	5	13	3	68	.06	.03	.12
Ulceration,	-	51	86	137	57	469	.71	.63	.82
Worms,	-	11	3	14	7	49	.07	.08	.09
Disease of Liver,	-	28	59	87	42	296	.45	.46	.51
" " Spleen,	-	-	1	1	-	1	.01	-	-
" " Organs,	-	332	166	498	260	633	2.56	2.87	1.10
Total,	-	806	569	1375	591	3142	7.07	6.51	5.47
VII. URINARY ORGANS.									
Diabetes,	-	6	10	16	9	71	.08	.10	.12
Gravel,	-	4	11	15	7	77	.08	.08	.13
Nephritis,	-	-	4	4	1	-	.02	.01	-
Disease of Organs,	-	13	9	22	15	113	.11	.16	.20
Total,	-	23	34	57	32	261	.29	.35	.45

TABLE XVII. CLASSIFICATION AND PER CENTAGE. CONTINUED.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	WHOLE NUMBER OF DEATHS.					PER CENTAGE.		
	One Year—1849.		Eight months, 1848.	Seven years, 1842-8.	One year, 1849.	Eight months, 1848.	Seven years, 1842-8.	
	City.	Country.						Total.
VIII. GENERATIVE ORGANS.								
Childbirth, -	133	79	212	60	601	.66	1.04	
Puerperal Fever, -	6	4	10	13	-	.14	-	
Disease of Organs, -	5	7	12	7	53	.08	.10	
Total, -	144	90	234	80	654	.88	1.14	
IX. LOCOMOTIVE ORGANS.								
Rheumatism, -	18	18	36	17	116	.19	.20	
Disease of Hip, -	7	3	10	3	24	.03	.04	
" " Joints, -	-	-	-	-	9	-	.02	
" " Spine, -	12	24	36	16	143	.18	.25	
" " Organs, -	2	2	4	1	-	.01	-	
Total, -	39	47	86	37	292	.41	.51	
X. INTEGUMENTIVE ORGANS.								
Ulcer, -	-	-	-	-	54	-	.09	
Disease of Skin, -	3	2	5	-	-	.03	-	
" " Organs, -	4	2	6	3	38	.03	.07	
Total, -	7	4	11	3	92	.03	.16	
XI. OLD AGE,								
-	193	745	938	498	4414	5.49	7.68	

XII. VIOLENCE.

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Accidents,	-	97	100	197	117	719	1.01	1.29	1.25
Burns and Scalds,	-	23	30	53	23	204	.26	.26	.35
Drowned,	-	53	93	146	67	811	.74	.74	1.42
Executed,	-	1	-	1	-	-	.01	-	-
Frozen,	-	-	4	4	-	6	.02	.01	.01
Heat,	-	32	39	71	2	26	.37	.02	.04
Hydrophobia,	-	1	2	3	1	-	.02	.01	-
Intemperance,	-	21	30	51	20	262	.26	.22	.45
Lightning,	-	-	1	1	1	5	.01	.01	.01
Malpractice,	-	1	-	1	1	3	.01	.01	.01
Murdered,	-	4	6	10	1	19	.05	.01	.03
Poisoned,	-	6	11	17	12	39	.09	.13	.07
Starved,	-	-	3	3	-	-	.02	-	-
Suffocated,	-	6	4	10	2	18	.05	.02	.03
Suicide,	-	24	43	67	39	231	.35	.43	.40
Total,	-	269	366	635	286	2343	3.27	3.15	4.07
Not stated,	-	347	638	985	579	6439			
Still Born,	-	346	91	437	79	603			
Grand Total,	-	9711	11,149	20,860	9735	64,526			

TABLE XVIII. OCCUPATIONS.

Exhibiting the number, with their aggregate and average ages, of persons having pursued different vocations, who have died during the twenty months between May 1, 1848, and December 31, 1849. Also, a like statement for the five previous years.

(These Abstracts include only persons over 20 years of age.)

OCCUPATIONS.	TWENTY MONTHS. From May 1, 1848, to Dec. 31, 1849.			FIVE YEARS. From May 1, 1848, to Apr. 30, 1848.		
	Whole number.	AGE.		Whole number.	AGE.	
		Aggregate.	Average.		Aggregate.	Average.
1. AGRICULTURISTS,	1507	94,021	62.39	3467	223,440	64.45
2. LABORERS,	1038	44,951	43.31	1245	58,680	47.13
3. MECHANICS.						
Bakers, - - -	19	803	42.26	28	1318	47.07
Barbers, - - -	13	607	46.69	11	530	48.18
Basketmakers, - - -	3	120	40.00	1	69	69.00
Blacksmiths, - - -	99	4781	48.29	218	11,645	53.41
Bookbinders, - - -	7	310	44.28	3	136	45.23
Brickmakers, - - -	3	142	47.33	5	183	36.60
Brushmakers, - - -	2	109	54.50	3	178	59.33
Butchers, - - -	16	885	55.31	27	1125	41.67
Cabinetmakers, - - -	28	1253	44.89	60	2810	46.83
Calico Printers, - - -	2	86	43.00	-	-	-
Cardmakers, - - -	5	224	44.80	7	341	48.71
Carpenters, - - -	243	11,894	48.94	419	20,734	49.57
Carriagemakers, - - -	13	537	41.31	9	575	63.89
Caulkers and Gravers, - - -	12	775	64.58	12	776	64.67
Cigarmakers, - - -	4	182	45.50	10	398	39.80
Clockmakers, - - -	-	-	-	3	133	44.33
Clothiers, - - -	5	185	37.00	8	480	60.00
Combmakers, - - -	2	83	41.50	10	447	44.70
Confectioners, - - -	1	38	38.00	3	104	34.67
Coopers, - - -	43	2629	61.14	83	4783	57.63
Coppersmiths, - - -	-	-	-	2	89	44.50
Cutlers, - - -	-	-	-	3	82	27.33
Dentists, - - -	5	159	31.80	2	86	43.00
Distillers, - - -	2	115	57.50	3	256	85.33
Druggists and Apoth., - - -	6	309	51.50	6	291	48.50
Dyers, - - -	9	340	37.78	9	360	40.00
Engravers, - - -	-	-	-	7	246	35.14
Founders, - - -	4	220	55.00	4	159	39.75
Furnacemen, - - -	3	83	27.67	10	487	48.70
Glass Blowers, - - -	2	71	35.50	2	69	34.50
Glass Cutters, - - -	3	145	48.33	4	172	43.00
Gunsmiths, - - -	11	593	53.91	5	223	44.60
Harnessmakers, - - -	21	845	40.24	23	1156	50.26
Hatters, - - -	17	822	48.36	30	1798	59.93
Jewellers, - - -	14	565	40.36	22	946	43.00

TABLE XVIII. OCCUPATIONS. CONTINUED.

OCCUPATIONS.	TWENTY MONTHS. From May 1, 1848, to Dec. 31, 1849.			FIVE YEARS. From May 1, 1848, to Apr. 30, 1848.		
	Whole number.	Age.		Whole number.	Age.	
		Aggregate.	Average.		Aggregate.	Average.
Leather Dressers, -	6	259	43.17	14	671	47.93
Machinists, -	58	2103	36.26	88	3081	35.01
Manufacturers, -	63	2696	42.79	87	3646	41.91
Masons, -	57	2602	45.65	94	4587	48.80
Mechanics, -	65	2842	43.72	79	3467	45.15
Millers, -	9	496	55.11	25	1586	63.44
Millwrights, -	6	315	52.50	9	432	48.00
Nailmakers, -	7	243	34.71	14	520	37.14
Operatives, -	41	1355	33.05	60	1816	30.27
Painters, -	58	2431	41.91	90	3829	42.54
Papermakers, -	11	545	49.55	13	595	45.72
Pianofortemakers, -	1	30	30.00	1	24	24.00
Potters, -	1	71	71.00	1	80	80.00
Powdermakers, -	-	-	-	4	123	30.75
Pump and Blockmakers, -	2	129	64.50	8	535	66.87
Printers, -	22	784	35.64	24	915	38.12
Reedmakers, -	1	32	32.00	-	-	-
Riggers, -	5	276	55.20	3	159	53.00
Ropemakers, -	16	905	56.56	22	1127	51.23
Sailmakers, -	9	505	56.11	6	341	56.83
Shipwrights, -	34	1795	52.79	48	2625	58.25
Shoecutters, -	5	172	34.40	-	-	-
Shoemakers, -	326	14,551	44.64	685	28,961	42.28
Silversmiths, -	2	82	41.00	-	-	-
Stevedores, -	2	125	62.50	-	-	-
Stonecutters, -	29	1178	40.62	60	2629	43.82
Stove Dealers, -	4	116	29.00	-	-	-
Tailors, -	34	1468	43.18	48	2277	47.44
Tallow Chandlers, -	1	44	44.00	7	392	56.00
Tanners and Curriers, -	25	1140	45.60	39	2032	52.05
Tinsmiths, -	10	348	34.80	9	321	35.67
Tobacconists, -	3	160	53.33	-	-	-
Trunkmakers, -	4	139	34.75	-	-	-
Upholsterers, -	1	64	64.00	-	-	-
Weavers, -	14	577	41.21	17	861	50.65
Well-diggers, -	1	56	56.00	1	25	25.00
Wheelwrights, -	24	1343	55.96	57	2433	42.93
Whipmakers, -	3	150	50.00	3	89	29.67
Wool Sorters, -	3	123	41.00	7	316	45.14
Wood Turners, -	1	69	69.00	3	144	48.00
Total, -	1581	72,229	45.62	2678	124,014	46.30
4. MERCHANTS.						
Booksellers, -	1	38	38.00	6	221	36.83
Clerks, -	53	1890	35.68	69	2273	32.94
Grocers, -	14	679	48.50	-	-	-
Merchants, -	107	5434	50.79	243	12,427	51.14
Pedlars, -	25	876	35.04	-	-	-
Traders, -	87	4083	46.93	135	5973	44.24
Totals, -	287	13,000	45.30	453	20,894	46.12

TABLE XVIII. OCCUPATIONS. CONTINUED.

OCCUPATIONS.	TWENTY MONTHS. From May 1, 1848, to Dec. 31, 1849.			FIVE YEARS. From May 1, 1843, to Apr. 30, 1848.		
	Whole number.	AGE.		Whole number.	AGE.	
		Aggregate.	Average.		Aggregate.	Average.
5. PAUPERS, - -	58	3831	66.05	124	8591	69.28
6. PROFESSIONAL MEN.						
Artists, - -	10	439	43.90	2	48	24.00
Civil Engineers, - -	1	23	23.00	10	337	33.70
Clergymen, - -	37	2049	55.38	78	4477	57.39
Editors, - -	4	122	30.50	2	93	46.50
Lawyers, - -	19	1142	60.10	36	2003	55.64
Musicians, - -	4	194	48.50	5	192	38.40
Physicians, - -	45	2599	57.76	105	5682	54.12
Professors, - -	-	-	-	4	195	48.75
Students, - -	16	370	23.12	32	718	22.44
Teachers, - -	14	501	35.79	72	2694	37.42
Total, - -	150	7439	49.59	346	16,439	47.51
7. PUBLIC MEN.						
Baggage Masters, - -	1	25	25.00	2	63	31.50
Bank Officers, - -	3	187	62.33	-	-	-
Brakemen, - -	4	119	29.75	6	164	27.33
Brokers, - -	2	88	44.00	2	108	54.00
Chimney Sweeps, - -	1	35	35.00	-	-	-
Comedians, - -	2	49	24.50	-	-	-
Cooks, - -	1	50	50.00	-	-	-
Drivers, - -	5	244	48.80	21	744	35.43
Drovers, - -	1	35	35.00	2	78	39.00
Engineers and Firemen, - -	10	338	33.80	-	-	-
Expressmen, - -	1	46	46.00	-	-	-
Fencing Masters, - -	1	28	28.00	-	-	-
Ferry-men, - -	1	58	58.00	-	-	-
Gentlemen, - -	29	1839	63.41	55	3873	70.42
Innkeepers, - -	34	1542	45.35	37	1891	51.11
Judges and Justices, - -	3	195	65.00	-	-	-
Lighthouse Keepers, - -	1	38	38.00	-	-	-
News Carriers, - -	1	28	28.00	-	-	-
Pilots, - -	4	295	73.75	3	207	69.00
Public Officers, - -	6	345	57.50	37	2136	57.68
Railroad Ag'ts and Cond., - -	5	205	41.00	-	-	-
Sextons, - -	2	90	45.00	4	234	58.50
Sheriffs and Constables, - -	4	229	57.50	-	-	-
Soldiers, - -	5	214	42.80	-	-	-
Stablers, - -	12	458	38.37	9	372	41.33
Teamsters, - -	34	1478	43.47	30	1184	39.60
Ticket Masters, - -	1	44	44.00	-	-	-
Victuallers, - -	5	241	48.20	8	397	49.62
Watchmen, - -	9	416	46.22	-	-	-
Weighers and Gaugers, - -	1	67	67.00	-	-	-
Total, - -	189	9126	48.28	216	11,451	53.01
8. SEAMEN, - -	225	10,505	46.79	826	34,617	41.91

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TABLE XVIII. OCCUPATIONS. CONTINUED.

OCCUPATIONS.	TWENTY MONTHS. From May 1, 1848, to Dec. 31, 1849.			FIVE YEARS. From May 1, 1843, to Apr. 30, 1848.		
	Whole number.	AGE.		Whole number.	AGE.	
		Aggregate.	Average.		Aggregate.	Average.
9. FEMALES.						
Domestics, - -	14	433	30.93	86	3,855	44.82
Dressmakers, - -	8	343	42.88	45	1,304	28.98
Housekeepers, - -	84	4635	55.18	1147	59,657	52.01
Milliners, - -	4	130	32.50	17	597	35.12
Nurses, - -	1	28	28.00	12	669	55.75
Operatives, - -	35	959	27.40	153	4,285	28.00
Seamstresses, - -	3	95	31.67	42	1,880	44.76
Shoebinders, - -	7	337	48.14	14	610	43.57
Strawbraiders, - -	2	76	38.00	16	585	36.56
Tailoresses, - -	7	283	40.43	62	2,552	41.16
Teachers, - -	8	270	33.75	39	1,099	28.02
Totals, - -	173	7589	43.87	1633	77,093	47.23

RECAPITULATION.

Agriculturists, - -	1507	94,021	62.39	3467	223,440	64.45
Laborers, - -	1033	44,951	43.31	1245	58,680	47.13
Mechanics, - -	1581	72,229	45.62	2678	124,014	46.30
Merchants, - -	287	13,000	45.30	453	20,894	46.12
Paupers, - -	58	3,831	66.05	124	8,591	69.28
Professional men, - -	150	7,439	49.59	346	16,439	47.51
Public men, - -	189	9,126	48.28	216	1,451	53.01
Seamen, - -	225	10,505	46.79	826	34,617	41.91
Total, - -	5035	255,103	50.67	9355	488,126	52.18
Females, - -	173	7,589	43.87	1633	77,093	47.23

ANALYTICAL AND SUMMARY OBSERVATIONS.

The present Report covers the twenty months commencing with May 1, 1848, and terminating with December 31, 1849, and embraces an analysis of *thirty-eight thousand three hundred and thirteen BIRTHS; ten thousand nine hundred and fifty-one MARRIAGES; and thirty thousand five hundred and ninety-five DEATHS.*

It will be observed, also, that it embraces a very important period in a sanitary view. During the time, the Commonwealth has been visited by that terrible malady, the Asiatic Cholera, and also by other severe epidemics, whose fatal ravages have swelled the bills of mortality to an unprecedented degree in the history of our State Registration. Besides malignant epidemics, the ordinary diseases, which in the aggregate so much exceed the extraordinary, in fatality, have pressed with severe force upon our citizens, of late. Pulmonary consumption particularly, whose approach is so insidious as to be scarcely noticed, and whose selection of its victims indicates a preference for the fairest and most delicate of our population, has increased and maintained its rank as the most fatal among all the agents of death. This disease sent to the grave ten of our citizens on each day during the year 1849.

Former Reports inform us that the annual average number of deaths, registered in the State during the last five years, was 9438, while during the eight months of 1848, forming a period of this Report, the number was 9735, and the twelve months of 1849 exhibit the large number of 20,860. In this comparison, due consideration should be given to the important facts, that in 1849, the city of Boston was for the first time represented among the places that made returns to this office, and that in nearly all the cities and towns in the Commonwealth, an improvement in accuracy and completeness of return has been continually going on; as well as that the last two years have comprised a period of greater severity in sickness and death. Our State has also been

quite rapidly increasing in population, during the past few years of prosperity, some indications of which will be found in the abstracts of births and marriages.

It may not be improper to remark here, that in the performance of the task which this Report exhibits, a supreme regard has been given to the elucidation of the *Laws of Mortality*, from the given facts. The more numerous and accurate the facts, the nearer to the truth of the general laws of mortality shall we approximate by close investigation. The results in former Reports have often been referred to in illustrating various principles. As the value of such deductions is to be measured by the correctness of the data, we have constantly possessed a scrupulous view upon accuracy.

The protracted labor which has necessarily arisen from the heterogeneous intermingling of the whole twenty months, in every conceivable combination, in the returns, has prevented the elucidation of some interesting principles and facts, deducible from the records of registration, inasmuch as it would prolong the undesirable delay already incurred, concerning this Report. It is confidently believed, however, that herein will be found sufficient ground covered, and with sufficient faithfulness, to exhibit very reliable and highly important general truths; some of the more prominent of which we propose to notice briefly.

POPULATION.

In all instances in this Report, where reference is made to the population, the enumeration as given in the United States' census is alluded to, unless it is specially stated otherwise. The State census is usually made use of in State papers, but as that of the United States has been used in the preceding Registration Reports, and as that was taken with more minuteness and probable accuracy, it was deemed best to adopt it here. In the tabular statement of births, marriages and deaths, for the period in 1848, will be found the census of 1840, while that of 1850 accompanies the similar table for the year 1849. The population of 1850 is likewise given for the several counties in the following table, where the American and Foreign are placed in separate columns, and the proportion which exists between these two classes of inhabitants is also stated:—

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TABLE A.

COUNTIES.	Square miles.*	POPULATION IN 1850.					BUILDINGS.†		DEATHS IN 1849.						
		To the square mile.	Whole number.	NUMER.		Proportion.	Dwellings.	Barns.	Whole number.	Being one to every	To the popul'n.	Under 5 years.	PER CENTAGE. Zymotic Diseases.	Respirative Org.	
Barnstable,	367	96	35,279	34,166	1,113	96.85	3.15	5,661	3,223	505	69.86	1,431	38.41	32.91	30.30
Berkshire,	952	52	49,596	42,922	6,674	86.54	13.46	7,349	7,143	695	71.22	1,404	32.52	28.91	29.35
Bristol,	667	114	76,202	64,152	12,050	84.19	15.81	10,453	5,273	1,156	65.92	1,517	38.32	26.63	27.08
Dukes & Nantucket,	192	68	12,992	12,401	591	96.05	3.95	1,851	718	195	66.63	1,502	29.23	28.16	36.41
Essex,	400	928	131,307	110,337	20,970	84.02	15.98	15,943	7,157	2,450	53.76	1,860	37.84	36.12	27.02
Franklin,	723	43	30,869	29,271	1,598	94.89	5.11	5,220	4,863	495	62.36	1,603	29.69	35.87	19.80
Hampden,	650	79	51,285	41,888	9,397	81.68	18.32	7,236	5,200	1,198	42.81	2,336	37.73	48.19	21.28
Hampshire,	590	61	35,714	31,974	3,740	89.53	10.47	5,414	4,908	660	54.11	1,848	38.48	39.53	25.00
Middlesex,	888	182	161,385	125,476	35,909	77.75	22.25	21,585	10,025	2,979	54.18	1,846	39.51	43.37	20.17
Norfolk,	445	178	79,000	59,752	19,248	75.64	24.36	11,612	6,098	1,427	55.36	1,806	40.36	39.32	19.76
Plymouth,	667	83	55,699	52,005	3,694	93.37	6.63	8,836	5,700	868	40.58	2,464	33.83	35.70	26.27
Suffolk,	14	10,323	144,520	78,835	65,685	54.42	45.58	14,290	677	5,266	27.44	3,645	43.24	39.83	18.99
Worcester,	1675	78	130,817	110,590	20,227	84.54	15.46	18,588	13,779	2,531	51.68	1,935	35.55	39.05	23.67
Total,	8,280	121	994,665	793,769	200,896	79.80	20.20	134,039	74,764	20,423	48.70	2,053	38.75	38.70	23.85
The nine Eastern Counties,	3,640	191	696,384	587,124	159,260	77.13	22.87	96,231	38,871	14,844	46.92	2,131	39.99	38.34	23.35
The five Western Counties,	4,590	65	298,281	256,645	41,636	86.05	13.95	43,807	35,893	5,579	53.47	1,870	35.47	39.63	25.17

* From Hayward's Gazetteer.

† From Valuation Committee's Doc., No. 6, 1850.

The important relation which obtains between several elements of the population and the principles of public health and general prosperity, in the foregoing table, will be readily suggested to the interested observer without comment here. We have annexed thereto several mortuary abstracts, which present some interesting features in relation to different sections of the Commonwealth, and may be alluded to in our remarks upon the mortality of the State.

It will be observed, however, that the foreign population among us are very unequally distributed over the Commonwealth. Monroe, in Franklin County, is said to be the only incorporated town in Massachusetts which contains no foreigners by birth; add to this the districts of Boston Corner and Marshpee, and we have three widely separated localities, with an aggregate of 429 inhabitants, without a foreigner. In Dukes County, with a native population of 4451, there are but 89, being less than one in fifty of foreign origin. In Barnstable County the proportion is about one in thirty-two; in Franklin, it is one in twenty, while in Suffolk, nearly one half (45.58 per cent.) are foreigners. The city of Boston presents a little higher per cent. (46.37) as will be discovered in the following statement* from Dr. J. Chickering:—

TABLE B.

	POPULATION IN 1860.				
	Whole number.	NUMBER.		PROPORTION.	
		American.	Foreign.	Amer'n.	Foreign.
City of Boston, - - -	136,884	73,418	63,466	53.63	46.37
Contiguous towns, - - -	74,820	51,204	23,616	68.30	31.70
Other towns within ten miles, -	62,750	50,934	11,816	81.17	18.83
Towns over ten miles, and not exceeding fifteen miles, - - -	68,728	56,935	11,793	82.84	17.16
Towns over fifteen miles, and not exceeding twenty miles, - - -	52,894	45,950	6,944	86.87	13.13
Towns over twenty miles, and not exceeding twenty-five miles, - -	90,545	73,288	17,257	80.94	19.06
Total of towns within twenty-five miles of the city of Boston, - - -	486,621	351,729	134,892	72.28	27.72
Other towns in the Commonwealth, -	508,044	442,040	66,004	87.01	12.99
Total, - - - -	994,665	793,769	200,896	79.80	20.20

* For our abstracts of the census, which distinguish the number and proportion of American and foreign population, we are indebted to an elaborate letter from Dr. Jesse Chickering, of Boston, to the City Council.—*City Document*, No. 42, 1860.

It is a remarkable fact and well worthy of consideration that within the five years last past, according to the City census of 1845, and the State census of May 1, 1850, the foreign portion of the population of Boston have *increased* 70.20 per cent., while the American portion during the same period have *decreased* 2.27 per cent! It is very probable that a like change has been produced in no other place of importance, in the Commonwealth.

Of the 63,466 foreigners in Boston, 52,923 are from Ireland, 2666 from Germany, and 7877 are from various other countries. In ward 8 (old division) we find the largest number of Irish, (7964) the smallest number of German, (36) and the smallest number of colored population, (only 2.) This section of the city contains the least number of inhabited houses, and at the same time, the greatest number of persons to a house, there being an average of 21.18 individuals to each house! Two houses in this ward contain 19 families each: five houses were occupied by 10 families each; fourteen houses by 9 families each; thirty-two by 8, and fifty-six by 7 families each!—&c.

In the whole city, there are, between the ages of 5 and 15, 12,143 children of natives, and 12,132 children of foreign parentage. Of the whole population, 66,072 are males, and 72,716 are females.

The following abstract from the fifth, sixth and seventh national censuses will show the number and proportion of native and foreign population in Massachusetts, at different periods:—

TABLE C.

Population.	1830.		1840.		1850.	
	Number.	Per Cent.	Number.	Per Cent.	Number.	Per Cent.
American, - -	600,788	98.42	702,882	95.28	793,769	79.80
Foreign, - -	9,620	1.58	34,818	4.72	200,896	20.20
Total, - -	610,408	100.	737,700	100.	994,665	100.

BIRTHS.

Of the 38,313 recorded births, during the twenty months embraced in this Report, 25,773 were in the year 1849. This is equal to one birth in 38.6 of the whole population. Owing to greater accuracy in the returns from some places than from others, or from some other cause which cannot be determined as yet for the want of sufficient facts, we observe a difference of more than one hundred per cent. in the ratio between the births and the population in different counties, as is shown in the sub-joined abstract:—

TABLE D.

Counties.	Births.	Population to one Birth.	Counties.	Births.	Population to one Birth.
Barnstable, - -	689	51.20	Middlesex, - -	4150	38.89
Berkshire, - -	1157	42.87	Nantucket, - -	101	83.68
Bristol, - -	2121	35.93	Norfolk, - -	2231	35.41
Dukes, - -	110	41.27	Plymouth, - -	1202	46.34
Essex, - -	3060	42.91	Suffolk, - -	5153	28.04
Franklin, - -	659	46.84	Worcester, - -	2995	43.68
Hampden, - -	1359	37.74			
Hampshire, - -	786	45.44	Total, - -	25,773	38.60

Nearly three fifths (58.42 per cent.) of the births of 1849 were stated to be of American parentage, that is, had American *fathers*, and not far from one fourth (25.15 per cent.) were of foreign parentage. One sixth (16.43 per cent.) had not their parentage defined in the returns. The returns for the last eight months of 1848, leave more than one half, instead of one sixth, of the births, without stating anything about their parentage. This shows an improvement in the completeness of returns, which is exhibiting itself in almost every particular. Thus we have the sex stated in all but 171 cases out of 25,773 births of 1849, and in all but 196 cases out of 20,423 deaths during the same year.

Each annual return shows that a majority of those born in the State are males, while a majority of those who die are females. In 1849, the proportion between the sexes, among the births, was 52.06 per cent. males and 47.94 per cent. females. Of the deaths for the same year, 49.53 per cent. were males and 50.47 per cent. females. A greater difference obtains between the sexes among

the births than among the deaths. We here present the number and proportion of births in the State, of each sex, during each month in the year, for the last five years, viz., intervening January 1, 1845, and January 1, 1850 :—

TABLE E.

Months.	Whole number.	Sex.			Proportion.		Females in each 10,000 males.
		Males.	Females.	Unkn.	Males.	Females.	
January, - -	7478	3833	3572	73	51.76	48.24	9319
February, - -	7533	3817	3640	76	51.18	48.82	9558
March, - -	8352	4283	3977	92	51.85	48.15	9286
April, - -	7920	4030	3771	119	51.66	48.34	9357
May, - -	6804	3552	3194	58	52.66	47.34	8989
June, - -	6934	3565	3306	63	51.81	48.19	9301
July, - -	7804	3918	3833	53	50.22	49.78	9910
August, - -	8267	4225	3992	50	51.44	48.56	9440
September, - -	8251	4136	4053	62	52.18	47.82	9164
October, - -	7974	4115	3791	68	52.06	47.94	9208
November, - -	7446	3899	3499	48	52.70	47.30	8975
December, - -	7509	3855	3586	68	51.81	48.19	9301
Total, - -	92,272	47,228	44,214	830	51.65	48.35	9362

We here also append a like statement for the same period, distinguished by counties instead of months. A slight difference is found to exist in the aggregate of the statement above and the one below, which arises from the fact, that in the latter, Suffolk County has been omitted, except for the year 1849. Some also had not the month, when the birth occurred, defined in the returns, which makes the difference less than it otherwise would be.

Below will also be found a division of the State into *easterly*, embracing nine counties, and *westerly*, comprising five counties ; also a division designated as "city," embracing the nine cities and three towns having over 10,000 inhabitants, together with Chicopee, which has less than that number, and "country," consisting of the rest of the Commonwealth :—

TABLE F.

Counties.	Whole number.	Sex.			Proportion.		Females in each 10,000 males.
		Males.	Females.	Unk.	Males.	Females.	
Barnstable, - -	3,196	1,635	1,524	37	51.76	48.24	9322
Berkshire, - -	4,254	2,173	2,072	9	51.19	48.81	9535
Bristol, - - -	9,631	4,951	4,639	41	51.63	48.37	9380
Dukes, - - -	464	248	209	7	54.27	45.73	8427
Essex, - - -	13,174	6,717	6,345	112	51.42	48.58	9446
Franklin, - -	2,695	1,385	1,255	55	52.46	47.54	9061
Hampden, - -	4,933	2,534	2,363	36	51.75	48.25	9335
Hampshire, -	3,402	1,750	1,622	30	51.90	48.10	9269
Middlesex, -	17,126	8,701	8,294	131	51.20	48.80	9532
Nantucket, -	952	499	451	2	52.53	47.47	9038
Norfolk, - -	9,147	4,684	4,410	53	51.51	48.49	9415
Plymouth, -	4,948	2,457	2,344	147	51.18	48.82	9540
Suffolk, in 1849, -	5,153	2,630	2,514	9	51.13	48.87	9559
Worcester, -	13,106	6,813	6,140	153	52.60	47.40	9012
Total, - - -	92,181	47,177	44,182	822	51.67	48.33	9354
Nine Eastern Counties,	63,791	32,522	30,730	539	51.42	48.58	9449
Five Western Counties,	28,390	14,655	13,452	283	52.14	47.86	9179
City, 1849, - -	10,466	5,344	5,106	16	51.14	48.86	9555
Country, 1849, -	15,307	7,985	7,167	155	52.70	47.30	8976

MARRIAGES.

There are 6936 marriages recorded as having been solemnized in the Commonwealth during the year 1849, and 4015 during the eight months of 1848, forming an aggregate of 10,951 within the period covered by this Report. The marriages in 1849 were equal to one in every 143 inhabitants. In the county of Hampden, the returns show one marriage to every 105 of the population, and in Berkshire only one in 335. This latter county is probably more defective in marriage returns than any other district. There is not to be found on the records from Berkshire County a single instance where a bachelor married a widow. The number and proportion of marriages to the population in the different counties, during the year 1849, was as follows:—

TABLE G.

Counties.	MARRIAGES.		Counties.	MARRIAGES.	
	Number.	Being one in		Number.	Being one in
Barnstable, - -	271	130	Middlesex, - -	1132	143
Berkshire, - -	148	335	Nantucket, - -	43	196
Bristol, - -	417	183	Norfolk, - -	510	155
Dukes, - -	21	216	Plymouth, - -	367	152
Essex, - -	1082	121	Suffolk, - -	1218	119
Franklin, - -	165	187	Worcester, - -	837	156
Hampden, - -	489	105			
Hampshire, - -	236	151	Total, - -	6936	143

Statements like the above become reliable in proportion to the completeness of return. The returns of 1849 show a larger number of marriages than those of former years, even aside from the addition which were contributed by the city of Boston, which is now for the first time represented in these abstracts.

The number of marriages in each month and their proportion to the whole number in the year, will be seen in the subjoined statement. As the occurrences of a single year will not furnish a general result as correctly as those of a longer period, we here annex also a statement which exhibits the number and proportion of marriages in each month, as indicated by an analysis and combination of the 32,572, which have been returned to this office within the last six years, viz., since January 1, 1844. Besides these, there were 257 recorded in the six years, without stating in what month the marriage took place; 86 of these were among the records of 1849.

TABLE H.

Whole No.	1849	603	424	391	601	571	495	452	455	605	637	969	647	6850
6 yrs	2639	2639	1863	1867	2882	2951	2462	1875	1991	2797	3449	4680	3096	32572
Months—	Jan.,	Feb.,	March,	April,	May,	June,	July,	Aug.,	Sept.,	Oct.,	Nov.,	Dec.,	Total,	
Per Cent.	1849	8.87	6.19	5.70	8.76	8.33	7.22	6.59	6.64	8.83	9.29	14.14	9.44	100.
6 yrs	8.09	5.72	5.73	8.83	9.05	7.75	5.75	6.10	8.58	10.58	14.36	9.46	100.	

A remarkable uniformity will be noticed to exist generally in the above table, between the proportions which the several

months furnish in the one year and the six years. The months, however, differ widely from each other. November indicates that more than twice as many marriages have been solemnized in that month as have taken place in either of several other months. February, March, July and August do not differ much in their proportion, and they are found to furnish less than any other months of the year.

Age presents also quite an interesting topic for consideration. During the twenty months we find marriages among persons of all ages intervening 13 and 91. The youngest individual married was a female of 13 years, several instances of which occurred. The youngest male was 16, who married a female of 19; the youngest couple was a male of 17 and a female of 14; a male of 20 and another of 25 married each a female of 13; a male of 19, one of 21, and another of 27, married each a female of 14; two males of 25 each, two of 28 each, one of 30, one of 35, and another of 47, married each a female of 15; and a bachelor of 50 married a girl of 19.

Although the male was usually the eldest of the allied couple, yet many instances happened where the reverse obtained; thus we find a male under 20 married a female over 40; a bachelor of 24 married a widow of 42; a bachelor under 35 married a widow over 60; and another bachelor under 40 married a widow over 75. A female of 18 married the *second* time, and one of 59 married the *fifth* time. A male of 30 married the *third* time. One of 36 and another of 45 married the *fourth* time each. Among those at later ages in life we find a male of 81 married a female of 69; but the oldest couple married were Mr. Calvin Kilborn, of Princeton, and Mrs. Susan Saunders, at the respective and respectable ages of 91 and 70. He is a farmer in good health, of sprightly habits and good mental faculties, still remembering the scenes and "incidents of travel" which he experienced in 1777, when he went as a fifer at the Bennington Alarm. It seems worthy of notice that in this office, and almost side by side, are the official records of Mr. Kilborn's enlistment in Capt. John White's company which marched to Bennington in July, 1777, and also of his marriage in November, 1848, more than three score and ten years having intervened the interesting events. He has always

been able to do the work on his farm to the present time, with but little assistance.

The following statement will be found to possess interest by showing the number and proportion of marriages at the different ages of the sexes during the last five years and eight months, viz., since May 1, 1844. 7299 males and 7453 females, whose ages were not stated, have been omitted in the calculations.

TABLE I.

Whole No.	Males, Females,	401 5871	10,115 11,313	7941 3751	2430 1329	1203 723	748 450	486 260	322 174	218 99	172 47	95 38	67 14	29 4	5 1	24,232 24,078
Ages,		Under 20	20 to 25	25 to 30	30 to 35	35 to 40	40 to 45	45 to 50	50 to 55	55 to 60	60 to 65	65 to 70	70 to 75	75 to 80	Over 80	Total,
Per Cent.	Males, Females,	1.66 24.40	41.74 46.98	32.77 15.58	10.04 5.52	4.97 3.00	3.08 1.86	2.01 1.01	1.33 .72	.96 .41	.69 .19	.39 .16	.28 .06	.12 .02	.02 100.	100.

The above abstract indicates, so far as can be illustrated by an analysis of upwards of 24,000 marriages, the ages of parties to which were stated, that the probabilities of marriage under the age of 20 years are nearly fifteen times as great with females as they are with males, and that between the ages of 20 and 25 they are much nearer equal, though still somewhat in favor of the female; but after the age of 25, till death, the probabilities of marriage are about two to one in favor of the male.

Again we perceive above, that of all females married, the chances that this interesting event will take place prior to the age of 20, are about as *one to four* of all the probabilities that they will ever marry; that is, when a female arrives at the age of 20 years and is unmarried, *one quarter* of the probabilities of her ever being married are gone. If she passes to the age of 25 unmarried, nearly *three quarters* of her probabilities are lost, and if she is unmarried at the age of 30, she has passed nearly *nine tenths* of her chances of ever becoming a wife. The case is different with males, more than one half of whose marriages occur subsequent to the age of 25. But the period of life between 20 and 25 appears the most probable of all the quinquennial periods for matrimonial alliances to both sexes.

These statements are derived from and appertain to those only in society, who actually marry; a consideration of all classes, including those who live and die in celibacy, would of course effect some modifications. Were we to confine our deductions to *first marriages*, (Table VI, A,) the preponderance in favor of the earlier ages would be much greater. Perhaps some allowance should be made for the proneness which some persons seem to have, unawares probably, to state their age, in such a connection, full as low as the truth will justify.

DEATHS.

During the twenty months of this Report, there have been returned to the secretary's office the record of 30,079 deaths, besides 516 still born. Of these, the unprecedented number of 20,423 took place within the twelve months of the year 1849. We learn by the last (seventh) report, that from January 1 to April 30, 1848, there were 3278 deaths; and we find in the returns of the subsequent eight months of that year, that 9656 deaths occurred between May 1 and December 31; making 12,934 during the whole twelve months of the year 1848.

In 1849, there were eight towns, viz., Barnstable, Dennis, Cheshire, Conway, Heath, Hull, Dana and Upton, also the district of Boston Corner, which made no return of deaths according to the law. These embrace an aggregate population of 15,383. After deducting this from 994,665, the total population of the State, there remains 979,282. Now if we make no allowance for the increase of population between 1849 and 1850, the deaths in the former year amount to *one* in 47.95, or 2.086 per cent. of the living.

By reference to the general statement of births, marriages and deaths, which will be found occupying the earlier pages of this Report, several items of information will be noticed which were not introduced in former reports; these pertain to sex and age among the deaths. For every city and town represented in the returns of 1849, the average age at death has, for the first time, been carefully computed from the records, which state, as far as is known, the years, months and days, which each person who dies has lived. The inferences from the average age at death, will be more particularly alluded to in a subsequent paragraph.

CAUSES OF DEATH.—In Table IX, pp. 44, et seq. and Table XII, pp. 54, et seq., will be found an important abstract giving the number of each sex who have died from various causes in the several months, and at different ages, during the period embraced in this Report. It is a matter of great interest to know what particular agents of death press with the greatest force upon our community, as well as, also, at what seasons of the year, and upon what ages, they are most severe. The particular class of facts bearing upon this point, are given, in the returns, with more and more completeness and accuracy every succeeding year.

It is the habit of some diseases, particularly those which involve the bowels, to prevail more in the summer than winter; hence the comparison of the deaths in the eight months of 1848 with those of any other whole year would be unjust. To the former of these tables, therefore, we have prefixed the number of deaths from each disease, during each of the four earlier months of the year, as stated in the last (seventh) report. Those whose sex was not stated have been united with the males, in corresponding tables of former annual reports, and could not be separated from them in this transcription, as will be noticed.

In Tables XV and XVI, pp. 68 and 74, the causes of death have been transposed, and in some cases united, from the alphabetical arrangement, to a classified order, after the manner of those in the reports of the Registrar General in England. In these tables, the number which each county has furnished, from each disease, is kept distinct. This classification has been adopted, and observed with more or less correctness, in former reports from this office. From these reports we have united the seven preceding years, in Table XVII, p. 80, making some transpositions which seemed necessary for the preservation of uniformity. For instance, in the last (seventh) report there were 75 cases returned as "canker," classed under *mortification*, while in the next preceding report, (sixth) 61 cases of death from the same disease, "canker," were classed under *scarlet fever*. Again, in the fifth, sixth and seventh reports there were, respectively, 46, 72 and 112 cases of "brain fever," placed under the head of *typhus fever* in the classified tables, which have been restored, in Table XVII, to *Cephalitis*: also 1117 cases of fever, without having the type

specified in the returns, have been taken from under the head of typhus, where they had been classed in former reports, and given a position by themselves, in this Report, (p. 80,) &c. &c. &c.

The classification for the year 1849, has been also subjected to a division, (in Table XVI,) under the distinctions of *city* and *country*. The former embraces the cities of Boston, Cambridge, Charlestown, Lowell, Lynn, New Bedford, Roxbury, Salem and Worcester, and the towns of Chicopee, Fall River, Springfield and Taunton. The design at first, was to combine all large places having over 10,000 inhabitants. This would include all cities in the State, as above, and the towns of Fall River, Springfield and Taunton, which are the only towns having over 10,000. The new town of Chicopee,* which has a population somewhat less than that, was afterwards added, for the purpose of embracing in this division a better proportion of the whole population of the Commonwealth.

The *cities*, in the following table, are given in *italics* :—

TABLE J.

1849. Names of Cities.	Population.	BIRTHS.				MAR- RIAGES.	DEATHS.	
		Whole No.	PARENTAGE.			Whole No.	Whole No.	Average age.
			Am.	For.	Unk.			
<i>Boston</i> , - -	136,884	4896	1777	3063	56	1187	5071	20.51
<i>Cambridge</i> , - -	15,215	446	181	76	189	125	281	20.03
<i>Charlestown</i> , - -	17,216	584	167	149	268	110	382	22.29
Chicopee, - -	8,291	208	130	73	5	153	288	17.91
Fall River, - -	11,522	381	115	134	132	99	157	17.08
<i>Lowell</i> , - -	33,385	939	600	305	34	398	903	19.35
<i>Lynn</i> , - -	14,257	341	305	28	8	133	288	21.80
<i>New Bedford</i> , - -	16,464	479	355	61	63	93	247	24.61
<i>Roxbury</i> , - -	18,373	554	118	253	183	129	404	22.13
<i>Salem</i> , - -	20,263	468	370	82	16	162	429	28.08
Springfield, - -	11,766	410	235	152	23	156	320	17.04
Taunton, - -	10,431	310	109	89	112	50	173	28.39
<i>Worcester</i> , - -	17,059	450	32	2	416	130	438	24.53
Total, - -	331,126	10,466	4,494	4467	1505	2925	9,381	21.08
Rest of State, - -	663,539	15,307	10,564	2013	2730	4011	11,042	30.61
Grand total, - -	994,665	25,773	15,058	6480	4235	6936	20,423	26.19

These nine cities and four towns possess an aggregate population of 331,126, and the rest of the State contains 663,539,

being a little more than twice as much.* If, therefore, the mortality of the State has been equally distributed over city and country, according to the number of inhabitants of each, the number of deaths in the first column of Table XVI will be a little less than half as great as the number in the next column, under the head of "country." The actual result, however, is far otherwise, as will be noticed opposite most of the diseases. In the totals it is nearly equal, showing that the mortality in the densely populated city localities was, in the aggregate, nearly twice as great as in the more sparsely inhabited country districts. A reference to the various diseases, will exhibit what particular causes of death have visited the cities with undue fatality.

For each of the three periods, viz., the year 1849, the eight latter months of 1848, and the seven previous years, we have also computed the per cent. which the deaths, from each of the several named diseases, bore to the whole number of deaths from specified causes in their respective periods. Among the first objects which attract notice in this table, (XVII, p. 80,) we observe the large proportional number of deaths which have occurred during the later periods. If we omit the returns from Boston, there will remain, for the twenty months of this Report, about 40 per cent. as many deaths as occurred during the seven previous years. This is owing in part to more full returns of late, and in part to actual greater mortality. By reference to particular diseases or classes, we shall ascertain what particular causes have lately been so fatal. Of deaths from all specified causes, the proportion which those within the twenty months (including Boston for 1849) bore to those of the seven years before, was as 49.57 to 100. Or, in other words, the former was 49.57 per cent. as much as the latter; while of the first class, (*zymotics*,) the deaths of the twenty months was 71.79 per cent. as much as those of this class during the seven years. And, still further, we find that, of the dysentery, nearly twice the number died within twenty months as during the whole seven years, there having been only 2413 in the seven years period, and 4590 in the twenty months period. The commencement of the epidemic character of this disease appeared in the summer of 1847, and came in the

* The exact proportion is for city, 33.13 per cent.; country, 66.87 per cent.

last (seventh) Registration Report for the year ending with April 30, 1848. During that year, 1074 died of this disease; the annual average number during the six previous years was only 223; the number during the twenty months since, as stated above, was 4590. Making all due allowance for the additions from Boston, and the result is still startling.

ZYMOTIC DISEASES.—Those diseases are classed under this general head, which prevail (*a*) as *Epidemics*, that is, become very frequent at particular times, in particular places, as cholera, dysentery, and several forms of fever; also, (*b*) *Endemics*, or those that are peculiar to certain defined localities, and arise from some hidden or obvious cause; and (*c*) *Contagious diseases*, as small pox, measles, &c.

It will be observed in Table XVII, that the deaths from zymotics, in the seven years prior to May 1, 1848, were only 27 per cent. of the deaths from all specified causes during that period; while in the eight remaining months of 1848, this class of diseases produced 40 per cent. of the deaths. But as observed before, several diseases are seldom severe, except during the heat of summer, while the results of others are more equally distributed over the year; and consequently we cannot take the per cent. of any one disease or class of diseases, during the eight months period, as an index or safe representative of what that disease or class was during the whole twelve months. In 1849, the per cent. of deaths from this class of diseases was 38.70. The increase was confined principally to that contributed by cholera, dysentery, measles and scarlet fever.

Cholera.—All deaths from *cholera morbus* have been classed under this head. When cholera morbus assumes a malignant and epidemic type, it is termed cholera, and sometimes Asiatic cholera. Most of the deaths in 1849, under this head, were of this latter character, and were in particular localities; about four fifths, or 80 per cent. of them, will be found in the division of cities, and a very large majority of these were in Boston and Lowell.

The cholera exhibited a preference, also, for particular classes of citizens, or those subjecting themselves to particular habitudes of life. Of the 707 who are reported to have had it in Boston,*

* Report on Cholera.—*City Document*, No. 66, 1849.

572 were foreigners, 460 of these being natives of Ireland; and only 135 were born in this country, 42 having been born in Boston, and 42 more in other parts of this State. 395 were between the ages of 20 and 45. Of the whole number (262) of patients in the temporary Cholera Hospital, in Boston, 154 were known to be intemperate, and 108 *supposed* to be temperate. The epidemic seemed to present the same characteristics in other places in the State, and in other cities of the country. Over 6 per cent. of all the deaths, from stated causes, in 1849, were from this epidemic malady, whereas former periods show less than one half of one per cent.

Diarrhœa, which so intimately accompanies cholera, was also quite fatal in 1849. It was not so severe, however, in this State, in proportion to the cholera, as it appears to have been among some of our transatlantic neighbors. "From the Registrar General's Return, we learn that the total number of deaths in England and Wales, in the year 1849, was, from cholera 53,293, from diarrhœa 18,887."* In Massachusetts, the total number, in 1849, was from cholera 1188, (944 of these were in the division of cities,) and from diarrhœa 209, (158 of which were in cities.)

Dysentery has prevailed in an epidemic form, preceding the cholera, and produced a heavy mortality within the last three years, as has been already observed. In its late visitations it differs as much, or more, from the ordinary type of that disease, as cholera differs from cholera morbus, or as typhus does from the plague of former times in older countries. The years 1848 and 1849 were particularly noted by the terrible mortality from this destroyer. For six years previous to 1847, the annual average of deaths from dysentery was only 236, but in 1847 it rose to 1074, and during the succeeding twenty months, which are embraced in this Report, it numbered 4590, of which 2455 were in 1849. By far the most fatal year was 1848, immediately preceding the visit of the cholera. In the latter eight months of that year, 2135, or nearly a fourth part (23.53 per cent.) of all deaths in the State, occurred from it, besides those in the city of Boston. In 1847 and 1848, this epidemic was principally confined to cities in

* Report of the General Board of Health on the Epidemic Cholera of 1848 and 1849, presented to both Houses of Parliament by command of Her Majesty.

the eastern part of the State, but in 1849 it appears to have chosen more rural localities, 67.53 per cent. being in the country districts, and only 32.47 per cent. in cities.

Typhus fever has apparently somewhat diminished. This is owing in part to the fact, that several other diseases have formerly been classed under this head. We have eliminated some of them, but could not all, from the preceding reports.

Measles prevailed in the spring of 1849 more extensively than at any other time since the Registration Act went into force, in 1842. It was mostly confined to Suffolk County, which had not previously made full returns.

Scarlet fever produced about one half as many deaths during the twenty months, as during the seven years previous, as indicated by the former reports. We find, however, that some of this disease have hitherto been ranked with other causes of death. Of the 1143 deaths from it in 1849, more than one half (632) were in the cities.

Small pox also appears to be on the increase. It caused 114 deaths, or .59 per cent., in the year 1849, and only 106, or .19 per cent. during the whole of the seven years previous to 1848.

SPORADIC DISEASES.—All diseases not zymotic, that is, not epidemic, endemic or contagious, are termed, for the sake of distinction, *Sporadics*, and are divided into several classes, according to the parts of the system they usually attack. First we have those of **UNCERTAIN SEAT**, or those which occur sometimes in one portion of the body and sometimes in another, or affect the general system. This class causes about one tenth of the deaths, and in 1849 quite a major part of them were in cities; this is especially true of *infantile* diseases, which were more fatal than any others of this class. *Mortification* has apparently decreased, for reasons noted above, in connection with typhus and scarlatina.

Diseases affecting the **NERVOUS ORGANS**, produce about one death in every twelve. These are mostly from *inflammation of the brain*, *convulsions* and *hydrocephalus*, or "water on the brain." The two last named diseases are scrofulous, and principally confined to those in early life. The cities always furnish an undue proportion of them. Many diseases of this family, or class, seem to be as severe on country as on city life,

The **RESPIRATIVE ORGANS** are subject to a class of diseases, which furnish the records of mortality with nearly one fourth of their number, and far more than any other class, except the epidemic group. *Pulmonary consumption* and *pneumonia*, or inflammation of the lungs, contribute nearly all of this class. Of all the agents of death, which afflict our race by their mortal visitations, consumption secures the greatest number of victims in this climate.

Of the 102,596 cases of death recorded in this State (including the city of Boston) within the last nine years, and whose diseases were specified, (besides those who died by violence,) 22,342 are stated to have been from consumption of the lungs! that is, a little more than one out of every five deaths, (21.78 per cent.) This may be confidently stated as very near the general law, or degree of relationship, which this formidable terminator of human life bears to the aggregate of all other diseases in this Commonwealth. Besides these from consumption, 4.88 per cent. of all deaths, of known diseases, were from inflammation of the lungs, making 26.66 per cent., or somewhat more than one quarter of the mortality from these two common diseases of the lungs alone!

Diseases of the heart have increased, causing 379 deaths in 1849, which would show a very high comparative per cent. were it not for the unprecedented number from dysentery and some other causes.

Those classified under **DIGESTIVE ORGANS** have also constantly increased of late. The year 1849 shows three times the annual average of deaths, from this class, when compared with the seven years period. *Teething*, and those returned as having died of *inflammation of the bowels* and *disease of the bowels*, furnish, by far, the largest part of deaths from this class. The diseases above named, like others which are particularly severe among children, are found to have been the most fatal in the cities.

The next four classes are comparatively small, and cause but a limited number of deaths. *Childbirth* exhibits the larger part of the deaths from all these classes combined, and a large majority of the deaths from this cause were in the cities, being to the rest of the State, in 1849, as 133 to 79. Of these, 66 were in Boston.

Deaths by **VIOLENCE**, in various forms, were nearly double their

average during the twenty months. *Accidents* were unusually frequent, and were the most so in 1848, (aside from those returned from Boston in 1849.) But the greatest increase is exhibited in the number who are recorded as having had their existence cut short by *heat*. In 1849 one life was legally terminated by the *executioner*, which was the first in the history of our State registration, and *TEN* persons were *murdered*, which is just half as many as returned during the whole eight years previous.

A terrible and fatal case of *hydrophobia* occurred in Lowell, in the early autumn of 1848, which was the first ever returned, and three are reported to have taken place in the State in 1849. *Suicides* have averaged a little over five a month, during the period of this Report, and 33 a-year in the former period.

SEX suggests an interesting item for consideration. It has been observed (p. 95) that among the births, we find a majority are males. We here notice that a majority among the deaths are females. This is true in reference to the mortality of the whole State. In the country districts alone, however, the preponderance of female mortality is so much greater than it is in the whole State, that it casts the balance on the other side in the cities. If we knew the per cent. which the number among the living of each sex, bears to the other in the cities and in the country, this might perhaps be accounted for in part or whole. It is to be presumed that the female sex predominates in the State, and to a greater degree in the country than in the city. This is to be inferred from the fact, that although, in 1849, among the births, 52.06 per cent. were males and 47.94 per cent. females in the State, among the deaths under five years of age, 53.82 per cent. were males, and 46.18 per cent. only were females; and that more males than females resort from the country to the city residence, while the proportion of the sexes between those who leave the State and those who enter it, is probably such as to afford no great effect in this particular.

The following statement will show the proportion existing between the sexes in several particulars, for the year 1849:—

TABLE K.

Localities.	Births.				Deaths under five years.				Whole number of Deaths.			
	Number.		Proportion.		Number.		Proportion.		Number.		Proportion.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
State,	13329	12273	52.06	47.94	4169	3577	53.82	46.18	10019	10208	49.53	50.47
City,	5344	5106	51.14	48.86	2117	1875	53.03	46.97	4710	4617	50.50	49.50
Country,	7985	7167	52.70	47.30	2052	1702	54.66	45.34	5309	5591	48.70	51.30

This abstract shows that the great excess of male mortality occurs in the earlier ages. Had we taken those who died under one year old, the excess would have been still greater. The disparity will be seen as follows:—

TABLE L.

	STATE.		CITY.		COUNTRY.	
	Number.	Proportion.	Number.	Proportion.	Number.	Proportion.
Deaths under one } Males, year of age, } Females,	1994	56.13	996	55.14	998	57.16
	1558	43.87	810	44.86	748	42.84
Excess of males, - -	436	12.26	186	10.28	250	14.32

The excess of males was, in every 10,000

	Births,	Deaths under one year,	Deaths under five years,	Total of deaths.
In the whole State,	412	1226	764	— 94*.
In the Cities,	228	1028	606	100
In the Country,	540	1432	932	—260*

There are various causes of death which press with unequal force upon the sexes. Those which seem to be the severest upon the *male*, are diseases of brain, except insanity, diseases of the lungs, except consumption, diseases of the heart, liver, most forms of fever, and the various causes of death by violence. The mortuary tables of the last and former years also indicate quite clearly that those diseases which are more or less peculiar to the young, such as cholera infantum, croup, hydrocephalus or water on the brain, infantile diseases, and ulceration or cancer, select a major part of their victims from among the male population. The majority of deaths from cholera were males, while those from dysentery and typhus were nearly equal as to sexes.

* Excess of females.

The diseases which prove most fatal among *females* are anæmia or consumption of the blood, cancerous affections, consumption, dropsy, measles and old age. Death produced by causes connected with parturition, of course are confined to the female sex. Diseases affecting the urinary organs are most frequent among males, while those affecting the organs of generation prevail most among the female sex.

A very great difference in the sexes is found in the deaths from consumption. In the last five years and eight months there were recorded 14,209 deaths from this disease, whose sex was stated. Of these, 8453, or 59.49 per cent., were females, and only 5756, being 40.51 per cent., were males. The excess of the former is 18.98 per cent. But, notwithstanding this great excess of female mortality from this disease, in the aggregate, latterly a majority of that portion of deaths from it who were under five years of age were males.

Senility, or *old age*, seems to have found a larger number of females than males.

The SEASONS, also, exhibit an unequal distribution of mortality—an undue proportion of the deaths occurring in the summer months. The following table will show the number of each sex that have died during the summer months of 1849, in the State, and in the two divisions of “City” and “Country,” together with the proportion which each division bore to the other, and the per cent. which each month sustained to the whole year, not only in each of the divisions, but also in the whole State:—

TABLE M.

Months.	STATE.				CITY.				COUNTRY.				PROPORTION.		PER CENTAGE.	
	Number.	Males.	Females.	Unk.	Number.	Males.	Females.	Unk.	Number.	Males.	Females.	Unk.	City.	Country.	City.	Country.
January, -	1383	668	701	14	624	304	312	8	759	364	389	6	45.12	54.88	6.66	6.89
February, -	1360	672	674	14	614	306	303	5	746	366	371	9	45.15	54.85	6.55	6.77
March, -	1497	707	768	22	749	340	402	7	748	367	366	15	50.03	49.97	7.99	6.79
April, -	1408	643	752	13	647	313	332	2	761	330	420	11	45.95	54.05	6.90	6.90
May, -	1398	705	684	9	641	333	305	3	757	372	379	6	45.85	54.15	6.84	6.87
June, -	1288	627	648	13	577	282	290	5	711	345	358	8	44.80	55.20	6.16	6.45
July, -	1623	828	779	16	807	436	366	5	816	392	413	11	49.72	50.28	8.61	7.40
August, -	3182	1604	1550	28	1714	887	823	4	1468	717	727	24	53.87	46.13	18.29	13.32
September, -	3078	1533	1511	34	1286	656	634	6	1782	877	877	28	42.11	57.89	13.84	16.17
October, -	1760	837	910	13	673	328	343	2	1087	509	567	11	38.24	61.76	7.18	9.86
November, -	1189	562	588	9	465	234	229	2	694	328	359	7	40.12	59.88	4.96	6.30
December, -	1256	619	630	7	564	269	273	2	692	330	357	5	44.90	55.10	6.02	6.28
Unknown, -	31	14	13	4	10	2	5	3	21	12	8	1	32.26	67.74	-	-
Total, -	20,423	10,019	10,208	196	9381	4710	4617	54	11,042	5309	5591	143	45.93	54.07	100.	100.
Proportion of the sexes,	-	49.53	50.47	-	-	50.50	49.50	-	-	48.70	51.30	-	-	-	-	-

The foregoing table shows most plainly that the summer months are by far the most fatal in either of the divisions, and in the whole State. In the latter, August and September present an aggregate of 30.70 per cent., which is more than double the amount shown by any other two contiguous months, and nearly double the amount of any two selected months. The two months above named show a difference from each other of only the half of one per cent. in the State ; but in the divisions of city and country it is much greater, and stands against August in the former, and against September in the latter. In some of these cities, isolated, it is still greater ; being in the city of Boston, for instance, 19.94 per cent. in August, and only 10.88 per cent. in September. Previous to 1840, September was the most fatal month in the mortality of Boston, and prior to 1820 it was in October that the most deaths occurred. This change has taken place gradative, as Boston has become more densely populated, and more insalubrious to its residents, particularly the younger portion of them. In the country districts, the abstracts show us that September is at this time the most fatal of either of the twelve months. Had time permitted us to have made the requisite abstracts from the records, it would most probably have been demonstrated to us that the excessive mortality of summer in cities, especially, was, to a very unproportional degree, sustained by children. Of all who died in the city of Boston, in the months of August and September, 1849, omitting the deaths from cholera, which mostly prevailed among adults, we find that 56.24 per cent. were under five years of age.

Among the diseases which seem to prefer particular seasons of the year, we observe generally that zymotics and those which are severe upon tender life, mostly select the hot weather of advanced summer. Dysentery in its epidemic type, as it has prevailed of late, seems particularly to be almost confined to a short period, while the arch disease, consumption, runs through all seasons with nearly equal results. We subjoin the mortality from these two diseases in the State, during the different months of the year 1849 :—

TABLE N.

CONSUMPTION.					MONTHS.	DYSENTERY.				
NUMBERS.				Per Cent.		NUMBERS.				Per Cent.
M.	F.	U.	Total.			M.	F.	U.	Total.	
118	177	-	295	8.18	January,	10	11	-	21	.85
125	153	-	278	7.71	February,	10	9	-	19	.77
112	175	2	289	8.02	March,	7	8	-	15	.61
130	175	-	305	8.46	April,	10	10	1	21	.85
137	178	-	315	8.74	May,	14	9	1	24	.98
119	166	1	286	7.93	June,	19	13	1	33	1.35
125	158	-	283	7.85	July,	78	69	-	147	6.00
145	193	1	339	9.40	August,	378	353	11	742	30.23
181	187	2	370	10.27	September,	491	480	6	977	39.81
109	189	-	298	8.26	October,	163	196	3	362	14.76
123	165	1	289	8.02	November,	22	36	-	58	2.36
102	156	-	258	7.16	December,	20	14	1	35	1.43
-	1	-	1	-	Unknown,	1	-	-	1	-
1526	2073	7	3606	100.	Total,	1223	1208	24	2455	100.

With the exception of indicating a little larger proportion of consumptives in September, the above gives a very correct index of the proportional distribution of those two diseases during the last five years, as we learn from mathematical demonstration. The following abstract of deaths from dysentery, corroborates the above remarkable results :—

DEATHS FROM DYSENTERY IN							
	1847.	1848.	1849.	Total.			
August, - - -	281	732	742	1755			
September, - - -	452	708	977	2137			
October, - - -	187	293	362	842			
Total for the three months,	920	1733	2081	4734			
The nine other months,	125	437	374	936			
Total of dysentery,	1045	2170	2455	5670			

The Ages are given in the following table, accompanied by computations similar to those for the months, (Table M, page 112,) which show the relative degree that classes of the community in the different periods of life suffered by death in the year 1849 :—

TABLE O.

AGES.	STATE.				CITY.				COUNTRY.				PROPORTION.		PER CENTAGE.		
	Males.		Females.		Males.		Females.		Males.		Females.		City.		Country.		State.
	Number.	Unk.	Number.	Unk.	Number.	Unk.	Number.	Unk.	Number.	Unk.	Number.	Unk.	City.	Country.	City.	Country.	
Under 1,	3691	1994	1558	139	1849	996	810	43	1842	998	748	96	50.09	49.91	19.86	17.04	18.34
1 to 2,	2092	1099	977	16	1111	569	521	1	981	510	456	15	53.11	46.89	11.93	9.08	10.39
2 to 3,	1034	518	507	9	505	244	260	1	529	274	247	8	48.84	51.16	5.42	4.89	5.14
3 to 4,	656	342	311	3	339	178	161	1	317	164	150	3	51.68	48.32	3.64	2.93	3.25
4 to 5,	442	216	224	2	234	110	123	1	206	106	101	1	52.94	47.06	2.51	1.92	2.19
Under 5,	7915	4169	3577	169	4038	2117	1875	46	3877	2052	1702	123	51.02	48.98	43.36	35.86	39.31
5 to 10,	1168	593	571	4	600	320	279	1	568	273	292	3	51.37	48.63	6.45	5.25	5.80
10 to 15,	469	207	261	1	197	98	98	1	272	109	163	-	42.00	58.00	2.12	2.51	2.33
15 to 20,	703	262	441	-	309	117	192	-	394	145	249	-	43.95	56.05	3.24	3.64	3.49
20 to 30,	2237	966	1269	2	1156	507	649	-	1081	459	620	2	51.68	48.32	12.42	10.00	11.20
30 to 40,	1808	853	954	1	1085	505	529	1	773	349	425	-	57.25	42.75	11.11	7.15	8.97
40 to 50,	1363	719	642	2	693	369	303	1	670	330	339	1	50.84	49.16	7.44	6.21	6.77
50 to 60,	1098	581	517	-	491	272	219	-	607	309	298	-	44.72	55.28	5.27	5.61	5.45
60 to 70,	1167	555	610	2	381	159	220	2	786	396	390	-	32.65	67.35	4.09	7.29	5.79
70 to 80,	1158	534	624	-	255	123	132	-	903	411	492	-	22.02	77.98	2.74	8.35	5.74
80 to 90,	851	360	491	-	131	48	83	-	729	312	408	-	15.39	84.61	1.41	6.66	4.22
90 to 100,	180	65	115	-	31	14	17	-	149	51	98	-	17.22	82.78	.33	1.38	.87
Over 100,	13	8	5	-	2	1	1	-	11	7	4	-	15.38	84.62	.02	.10	.06
Unknown,	293	147	131	15	62	40	20	2	231	107	111	13	21.16	78.84	-	-	-
Total,	20,423	10,019	10,208	196	9381	4710	4617	54	11,042	5309	5591	142	45.93	54.07	100.	100.	100.

We have had occasion before to allude to the fact, that death presses heavily upon those in early life. In the most unmistakable language, the above table demonstrates this truth, and imparts definiteness to it. But, as before intimated, in order to ascertain the relative probabilities of living, or the "expectation of life" at any given period, we must not only know the number of deaths, but also the number of the living at the different periods. Of this, however, we cannot at present inform ourselves. It is a point of much interest, and received attention a few years ago, so far as Lowell is concerned, with the following results in that city, from 1841 to 1845:—The probabilities of surviving the present period of life were the greatest between the ages of twenty and thirty; the next greatest between ten and twenty; they then followed between thirty and forty; forty and fifty; fifty and sixty; under ten; and the least over sixty. In Boston, during the same period, the results were similar, commencing however one decade earlier in life. There exists also a very wide difference in the relative chances of life at the several periods. In the former city, for instance, the statistics showed that the expectation of life between the ages of ten and thirty was seven times greater than it was with those under ten years old. It varies also at different seasons of the year; thus it will be noticed (Table M, page 112,) that of all ages, and throughout the Commonwealth, the chances of living, through the months of August and September, 1849, were reduced to one half of what they were during any month of that year; and facts show us that this reduction fell principally on the young, among whom it was probably manifold greater than among those in early maturity. It was greater moreover in the cities than in the rural districts, as is evident from the preceding tables, (M and O.)

In the last table we observe that, while 49.81 per cent. of all those who died in the cities were under ten years of age, only 41.11 per cent. of the deaths in the country were from those under ten. In the whole State the per cent. under the same age was 45.11. This is a high rate to be sustained by persons who have not attained the termination of the tenth year of existence, and, so far as we have statistics, speaks much more unfavorably for the cities than the rest of the State. The proportion existing be-

tween the mortality of the cities and country does not assimilate itself to that which obtains between the inhabitants of these two divisions in any period of life under the age of sixty years. At previous years it is against the division of cities, and generally the most so in those ages which in the State bear the higher per cent. of mortality. In this connexion however due consideration should be given the fact of a probably more full return from the organized cities, as well as also to an undoubted difference which exists in the proportion which the living at different ages bear to the whole number of inhabitants in the two divisions. Still, however, there is an accumulation of evidence that densely inhabited localities bear an unnecessary excess of mortality, and especially among the young. It is also evident that throughout the State the excess of early deaths is greater than would exist under proper sanitary regulations which might be pointed out. The two most fatal diseases, consumption and dysentery, which furnished more than four-tenths of the mortality of 1848, and more than three-tenths of that of 1849, were in the latter year distributed through different periods of life, as shown in the following table:—

TABLE P.

CONSUMPTION.					AGES.	DYSENTERY.				
NUMBER.				Per Cent.		NUMBER.				Per Cent.
M.	F.	U.	Total.			M.	F.	U.	Total.	
211	171	5	387	10.88	Under 5,	777	581	22	1380	56.72
23	22	-	45	1.27	5 to 10,	114	116	-	230	9.45
19	59	-	78	2.19	10 to 15,	22	39	-	61	2.51
67	198	-	265	7.45	15 to 20,	19	34	-	53	2.18
309	525	1	835	23.49	20 to 30,	62	65	-	127	5.22
239	363	-	602	16.93	30 to 40,	57	61	-	118	4.84
202	217	-	419	11.79	40 to 50,	41	55	-	96	3.95
165	165	-	330	9.28	50 to 60,	42	64	-	106	4.36
155	162	-	317	8.92	60 to 70,	32	95	-	127	5.22
92	119	-	211	5.94	70 to 80,	28	54	-	82	3.37
25	41	-	66	1.86	Over 80,	19	34	-	53	2.18
19	31	1	51	-	Unknown,	10	10	2	22	-
1526	2073	7	3606	100.	Total,	1223	1208	24	2455	100.

The foregoing abstract exhibits the remarkable fact that nearly fifty-seven, in every hundred deaths from dysentery, were of per-

sons who had not lived five years; and Table N (page 114) shows it probable that seventy per cent. of these died in August and September. It will also be seen that middle aged persons are most subject to consumption.

In the abstracts of deaths in 1849, (pages 16—29) will be found the average age of all who died in each town. It was obtained by adding the age, in years, months and days, of each person in each town, and dividing it by the number whose ages had been thus united. This item of itself, without knowing the average age of the living, is a very fallacious test of the valuation of life in any place, or the comparative value in different places. If this is continued a few years, till the abstracts of the census are published, some most interesting and important deductions may be obtained.

OCCUPATIONS.

Table XVIII (page 86) is intended to illustrate the influence of different vocations on health and longevity. The number from the different classes of persons is so limited in most cases, however, that it would be unsafe to take the average ages given, as the representative number expressing the general law. When observations upon the various points shall become sufficiently extensive, important results may be deduced in relation to the value of life under different occupational circumstances.

There are a few of the more common pursuits of life that include a sufficient number in the table to furnish statements which closely approximate the truth. Thus, of *agriculturists* or *farmers*, we find nearly five thousand (4974) with an average age of 63.83 years. Of ordinary *laborers* there were 2283, many of whom were probably foreigners, with less healthy habitations than the home of the planter. With the laborer we find the average age to be only 45.39, being 18.44 years less than the average life of the husbandman. A similar disparity is noticed, also, in examining the number of each of those classes which were furnished by the separate years.

Again, let us compare the two trades, *carpenters*, who are not confined by their labors to one place, or to in-door influences, and the *shoemaker*, who is subject, under present arrangements in

most workshops, to serious influences, tending to deteriorate health and abridge life. The 662 carpenters lived an average age of 49.28 years, while the 1011 shoemakers enjoyed an average life of only 43.04 years, being 6.24 years less than their more fortunate brethren just alluded to, and 20.79 years less than the highly favored farmer. This difference, though quite sufficiently important to arrest attention, receives additional claims to notice, when we consider that the race which finds a goal at such unequal distances, does not commence prior to the 21st year of life. Taking the extreme cases, we find the farmer and the shoemaker, at the age of 20, with a prospect of living 43.83 years extended to the former, while that of the latter is curtailed to only 23.04 years, showing a difference of nearly one hundred per cent. Laying aside all considerations more elevated than those of merely a pecuniary element, and we find the farmer paying the same premium for life or health assurance as those of other callings in life, although the latter may have no chance of living much more than one half as long as the former. But there are other and far higher considerations, which, it is believed, will commend themselves to the interested.

LAWS OF MORTALITY.

It has been the aim in the preceding pages to confine the remarks to the legitimate purpose of setting forth briefly, and without speculative comment, the abstracted truths which were found concealed in the returns. On a revision for generalization, several principles become apparent, which deserve collecting into a more definite statement. It is not deemed within the province of this Report, even here, to go into detail upon the points which the important suggestions invite.

Among the cardinal facts we notice,

First.—That, after making due allowance for the city of Boston, the mortality of 1848 and 1849 appears to be nearly equal in the proportion it sustained to the living. It appears evident that it was much over *two per cent.* throughout the Commonwealth. In 1849 it was 2.053, or one death in 48.70, (Table A, page 92,) to the population of 1850. Making deductions however for those towns which gave no returns, and it was somewhat higher,

(2.086 per cent., or one in 47.95.) From an accumulation of facts, it is evident that it might be reduced and kept as low as 1.50, or at least 1.75 per cent. Had the mortality been as low as 1.666 per cent., or one death in 60 of the living, it would have saved more than 4000, or one-fifth of the deaths in each of the years of 1848 and 1849. These *ten* deaths a-day through the whole period, may therefore be set down upon this estimation as having occurred unnecessarily. The inevitable conclusion from this is, that *much might be done, by instituting proper sanitary improvements, for the preservation and general welfare, physically, socially, morally and pecuniarily, of our citizens.*

Secondly.—It is observable moreover that some localities were much higher than the general average. In the nine Eastern Counties, for instance, it was 2.131 per cent., or one death in 46.92 of the inhabitants; while in the five Western Counties, it was only 1.87 per cent., or one in 53.47. In Suffolk County the rate of mortality was the highest, being 3.645 per cent., or one in 27.44 of the living; and generally it was high in proportion to the density of the population, if we except some of the secondary cities, which had been taught by previous epidemics to use preventive measures. In the division of cities, as noticed in the preceding pages, it was 2.833 per cent., or one in 35.30, while the rest of the State, under the head of Country, even after making the necessary allowance for those towns which made no returns, it was only 1.704 per cent., or one in 58.69, being, as will be seen, nearly as favorable as the rate to which we estimated that the mortality of the whole State might be reduced. This teaches us *where* attention to sanitary improvement is most needed—nay, demanded, and *where* it would be rewarded by the most beneficial results.*

* It is not our design to descend to particulars too minute. It may not be out of place, however, to say that Boston, in 1849, showed one death to 26.99 of the population, or 3.704 per cent.; and in Lowell the rate was one in 36.97, or 2.705 per cent. Some sections of these cities are from fifty to one hundred per cent. more unfavorable than other sections. It may not be improper here, also, to add a few of the many similar items which might be inserted.

Of Lowell, says Rev. Mr. Wood, the philanthropic and humane minister at large of that city, "There is one infraction of the laws of life and health among the poor, which, I think, should be brought more prominently before the public. This is in connection with their habitations. Their rooms are generally not ventilated at all. From six to ten persons frequently sleep in a single room, and sometimes in one bed. . . . Cellars are occupied in very damp locations, where water

Thirdly.—It seems manifest that the excess of mortality above a medium rate is due to the prevalence of epidemics, and diseases peculiar to the young. Where certain insalubrious influences are permitted to exist; there is generated what an eminent sanitarian* terms a “typhoid atmosphere,” but which, we think, would bear the modification as expressed by epidemic or *zymotic condition of the atmosphere*. Of all diseases, epidemics seem to inflict upon the community the greatest degree of terror, devastation, and death, while at the same time they are the most easily avoided, and their unwelcome visitations prevented by the observance of obvious sanitary regulations. This class of the agents of death appear to possess the province of a general valuation committee, and pronounce, quite distinctly, the laws relative to the expectation or value of human life, in both rural and urban districts, and even in circumscribed parts of cities; and, with great impartiality, they doom each particular location by a most equitable standard, according to a compliance with, or disobedience of, the principles of health. This indicates in some measure *what particular sources of mortality* should receive special attention, in effecting improvements in sanitation.

Fourthly.—It has been shown, (p. 113, &c.) that the latter

frequently stands in drops on the walls, and in wet times can be wrung from the sheets of the bed. Two-thirds of the inhabitants of the city, probably, would not deposit their vegetables where not a few families reside. I know of one case, where, in two connected rooms in a cellar—and lighted by only three small panes of green glass covered with cobwebs, and where, on entering, I stumbled over the beds, because I could not see them—four families, amounting to twenty-two souls, were living!” A late dispensary physician of the same city, writes: “Very few are aware of the hundreds of places now inhabited by a horde in a horrid condition. One week ago I entered a house in a central location, and found it occupied by one store and twenty-five different families, embracing one hundred and twenty persons, more than half of whom were adults! In one of the rooms, which was inhabited by two families, I found one of the families to consist of a man, his wife, and eight children, (four of whom were over fifteen years of age,) and four adult boarders!”

Of Boston, Dr. Buckingham, late dispensary physician, writes: “I have seen the tide pouring into a back yard, from all four sides, to the depth of a foot; and have known men to sail around their kitchens in pursuit of their dinners, and coast along the shores of their cellars in tubs, for their winter’s wood!” In the City Physician’s Report on the Cholera in Boston, in 1849, we find that “one cellar was reported to the police, to be occupied nightly, as a sleeping apartment, by thirty-nine persons! In another, the tide had arisen so high that it was necessary to approach the bedside of a patient, by means of a plank, which was placed from one stool to another, while the dead body of an infant was actually *sailing* about the room in its coffin!”

* Annual Address on Public Health, before the Medical Society and Legislature of New York, by A. H. Stevens, M. D., L.L. D. Assembly Document, No. 174. 1850.

part of summer and the early part of autumn, particularly the months of August and September, are by far the most fatal. The laws of mortality, as exhibited in our records, teach us that the chances of surviving the months above named, are not *one half* as great as those of any month in the year. It is true, placement furnishes some modification, for in densely populated neighborhoods the disproportion is very much greater than this even. This informs us at *what* particular *season* the subject of sanitary improvement should receive increased attention.

Fifthly.—It is also evident from a large array of facts, without any *per contra*, that the innocent young, who have not the knowledge or power to appeal for themselves, suffer enormously beyond their due proportion the penalty of sanitary neglect. Of all those who died in the cities, nearly one-third (31.79 per cent., page 115,) had not lived two years, and one half, (49.81 per cent.) were not yet ten years of age. In the whole State more than a quarter (28.73 per cent.) of the mortality was among those under two years old, while nine out of every twenty (45.11 per cent.) were under ten. This shows in some degree, *in whose behalf* the subject should receive earnest attention. And it may be proper to add,—

Sixthly.—Says the late sagacious Dr. Rush: "To all natural evil the Author of Nature has kindly prepared an antidote. Pestilential fevers furnish no exception of this remark. The means of preventing them are as much under the power of human reason and industry as the means of preventing the evils of lightning and common fire. I am so satisfied of the truth of this opinion that I look for the time when our courts of law shall punish cities and villages for permitting any of the sources of malignant fevers to exist within their jurisdiction." The General Board of Health in England, with the Earl of Carlisle (better known here as Lord Morpeth) at its head, say: "The British Parliament has legislated on the conclusion, submitted with an accumulation of demonstrable evidence, that the causes of epidemic, endemic and contagious diseases are removable, and that the neglect on the part of the constituted authorities to remove such causes, as far as they are obviously within their control, is a punishable offence. The foundation which the legislature has

thus laid for the physical and consequently for the moral improvement of the people, is recognized. Half a century ago, it was said by a great physician and philanthropist, that the time would come when the legislature would punish communities for neglecting the known means of preserving the public health, and that prediction the British Parliament has been the first to realize."* This indicates *where the moving power lies*, for establishing sanitary improvements, and, with the preceding remarks, intimates a line of procedure.

DISEASE.—An important service would be rendered, could the amount of disability, and consequent diminution of the physical power and productive resources of the Commonwealth, be drawn from the records. In England, and on the Continent, large attention has been given to the subject of Public Health. Among other points, they have endeavored to ascertain the proportion which the deaths bear to the sick. Their conclusions tally with those from investigations at home. Admitting the testimony of our transatlantic neighbors as corroborative of facts here, and it appears in evidence, that, at a moderate estimate, there are twenty cases of sickness to one death, and that the average duration of these was one-tenth of a year. This would give for each of the years 1848 and 1849, 400,000 attacks of sickness, equalling 40,000 constantly sick. Of these, upon the admitted estimation, 80,000 cases of sickness, equalling an average of 8000 constantly sick, were unnecessary, as they might have been prevented by the operation of proper health measures.

HEALTH.—Says His Excellency Governor Boutwell: "How much of human happiness and how little of human misery are associated with these words! [*Health* and Home.] Health—no learning, wealth, influence, fame or success in life, will compensate us for its loss; and when lost there is no learning, wealth, fame, influence or success, which we value in comparison with it. We are constituted, not only with a personal desire for health, but with a keen, admiring sense of its existence in others."†

* Report of the General Board of Health on Quarantine, presented to both Houses of Parliament, by command of Her Majesty, 1849. The Public Health act, here alluded to, went into force August 31, 1849, and within a few months *Liverpool* alone closed about 8000 cellars and condemned about 2000 filthy houses.

† Address at the Middlesex Agricultural Fair, 1850.

We have noticed the excessive mortality, and hinted upon the opinion of those who have made large investigations, that it was unnecessarily high. The standard of public health among those who do not consider themselves actually sick, undoubtedly varies, in some degree, in accordance with the degree of mortality in the community. The same measures which would avoid great mortality, and prevent disease, would, on the same principle, also, elevate the degree of health, and increase the vital powers and productive force. "Under the most favorable circumstances," says Dr. Ware, President of the State Medical Society, "where there is neither depreciation of health nor abridgment of life, the annual income might be more than doubled, and the comfort and happiness, moral dignity and intellectual power of the Commonwealth, might be increased in proportion." In the preceding pages, therefore, lie many suggestions of the highest importance to our fellow-citizens, which earnestly commend themselves to the calm but operative consideration of the philanthropist, the political economist, and the sagacious statesman.

NOTES.

It has been the custom in former reports, to insert more or less copious extracts from the notes of City and Town Clerks, which accompanied their returns. It is proposed in the present instance simply to notice, with suitable brevity, the points of incompleteness found to prevail in some of the returns. This is done with the double purpose of informing the interested who may make use of the various facts embraced in this Report; and to furnish some hints to those whom the laws require to make the returns.

We have stated that the records forwarded to this office, of late, are more full and complete than formerly; yet there is still room for some improvements, as will be observed. Although it cannot be expected that the registrars and clerks will give the scientific names to all the Causes of Death, yet some improvements might be made in this particular. We have found in the returns a wide range, from the most professional technicalities to the most common place names, given as diseases,—from *Dothinenleritis* and *Cerebro-meningitis*, to *Colleery* and *Information of the Brains*. In the present returns, the place of death, and some other items, have been required, which were not sought by the former blanks. In this way, many who died in one town and were buried in another, have been detected in the returns from both towns, and rejected in our abstracts of the returns from that town where they did not reside.

Several of the towns also gave the record of events of past years, in some instances going back as far as 1816. All such of course were omitted in this Report. The actual number of different individuals who were either born, married, or died within the twenty months, and coming legitimately in this Report, besides those giving information of nativity, parentage, &c., was 90,810. Much time and labor would have been saved had these been recorded in the datal order of the events. Instead of which, however, it was almost universally the case that they were inserted on the records, not only without any sort of order as to months, but the two years were also intermingled, exhibiting the whole twenty months in nearly every possible degree of combination and confusion. Below, we designate some other particulars.

BARNSTABLE COUNTY.

All the towns in this county are represented in the returns, except *Barnstable*, which made no returns of deaths in 1849, and *Dennis*, which has neglected to make returns of either births, marriages or deaths since 1844.

BIRTHS.—Returns generally good—*names* omitted in some towns, especially Harwich, Provincetown, and Truro. Only one birth in the whole county whose *sex* is not stated in 1848, and one in 1849.

MARRIAGES.—Records defective as to *ages* in the towns of Barnstable and Sandwich, and entirely wanting in Wellfleet. The latter town is also very deficient in *dates* and other particulars.

DEATHS.—In 1849, the *ages* of all but 13 in the county are stated ; and the *diseases* of all but 37 in 1848, and 28 in 1849. These latter occurred principally in Harwich, Orleans, and Sandwich. *Sex* was omitted in 2 instances in 1848, and 15 in 1849,—of which 13 were in Chatham, and mostly under five years of age.

BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

The Registration Law has never reached the town of *Cheshire*, as they have made no returns to this office since its first enactment in 1842. *Boston Corner* has never made any returns excepting of births in 1849. *New Ashford* made no returns in 1848.

BIRTHS.—Clarksburg and New Ashford made no returns of births in 1849. *Sex* is stated in all cases but 3 in 1848, (which were in Hinsdale,) and 1 in 1849. *Parentage* is neglected too much in Hinsdale, Monterey, Otis, West Stockbridge and Williamstown, and is wanting altogether in the town of Stockbridge, but by oversight were inserted as American in pages 3 and 17 of this Report.

MARRIAGES.—Ashford, Florida, Hancock, Peru, Stockbridge, and West Stockbridge, made no return of marriages in 1848 ; and Clarksburg, Mount Washington, Peru, Richmond and Stockbridge made none in 1849. *Ages* were not stated fully in Great Barrington, Lee and Sandisfield. *Nativity* not noted at all in Savoy.

DEATHS.—Generally more complete than births and marriages. *Sex* is stated in all instances but 10 in 1848, and 5 in 1849. *Ages* omitted in 20 cases in 1849. *Diseases* not stated in 36 cases in 1848, and 69 in 1849, an undue proportion of which were in Adams and Pittsfield. Otis reported but one death in 1849, and is doubtless very imperfect.

BRISTOL COUNTY.

With the exception of *Berkley*, which omitted marriages in 1848, every town in this county is represented in the returns.

BIRTHS.—Generally complete and full returns. *Sex* defined in every instance in 1848, and all but 7 in 1849. *Parentage* not so fully stated in 1848 as in 1849. The towns most deficient in this particular are Fall River, Pawtucket and Taunton.

MARRIAGES.—In nearly all of the towns, and especially in Dighton, New Bedford, Pawtucket, Raynham, Rehoboth, Seekonk, and Taunton, the records are defective as to *ages*. Several towns also omit to state whether the marriage was a first, or subsequent one. But few towns in the county have specified the *nativity* of those married. A curious difficulty occurs in Fall River. The Catholic Church stands on the state line, and that part of it where the marriage ceremony is performed, is in the state of Rhode Island. The laws of Massachusetts are not construed to reach these cases, although they are citizens of Fall River.

DEATHS.—The *cause of death* was not stated in 65 cases in 1848, and 127 cases in 1849. These occurred mostly in Mansfield and Taunton, which were grossly deficient in this respect. A disproportionately large number of those whose *sex* was not stated are also found in Mansfield.

DUKES COUNTY.

BIRTHS.—Of the 164 births in Dukes County, during the twenty months, 158 were of American *parentage*, 3 of foreign, and 3 unknown.

MARRIAGES were omitted in 1848 in *Edgartown*.

DEATHS.—No returns were received from *Chilmark* in 1849.

ESSEX COUNTY.

Every town in this county made returns of births, marriages and deaths, with the single exception of the births of 1848 in *Lynnfield*. The new town of *Groveland* was incorporated in 1850, and taken from Bradford.

BIRTHS.—*Sex* was specified in all but 3 cases in 1848, and 11 in 1849. Of the latter, 8 occurred in Rockport. *Parentage* too much neglected in Amesbury, Methuen and Wenham; and altogether omitted in Georgetown in 1848, and Saugus in 1848 and 1849.

MARRIAGES.—The *nativity* was not stated as fully as desirable in Amesbury, Andover, Haverhill, Lawrence, Lynn, Salisbury, Topsfield and Wenham. The *ages* of parties married presents the greatest deficiency in this county. Among the worst in this respect are the returns from Lawrence and Salem. The city of Salem is *extremely* deficient in almost every point of information required by law. The *ages* are stated in only 13 instances out of 269 marriages in this city, during the period of this Report.

DEATHS.—There were 12 deaths in 1848 and 26 in 1849 whose *sex* was not specified, an undue proportion of which were in Methuen and Salem. *Ages* were omitted in 19 cases in 1848, and 49 in 1849. The greatest number of these which occurred in any one town was 7 in Gloucester. The number in the county whose *disease* was not stated, was 41 in 1848 and 86 in 1849. No town however contained over 4 of them, except Newbury, in which 12 occurred.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

This county has generally been the most negligent part of the State in complying with the law; and the period covered by this Report forms no exception in point of deficiency. *Conway* made returns of births only, for this Report, which is the only return received from that place since 1844. *Deerfield* neglected to make returns of births in 1848 and 1849. *Hawley* returned no marriages. *Heath* returned births for 1849, which is the only record received from that town for two or three years. *Leyden* returned no births in 1849. *Munroe* made no returns at all in 1848, and says there were no marriages in 1849. *Montague* returned no marriages in 1848, and *Rowe* none in 1848 or 1849, nor has it since 1845.

BIRTHS.—*Sex* is not specified in 14 cases in 1848, and 21 cases in 1849. Most of these occurred in Montague and Northfield. *Parentage* is not stated at all in Greenfield, and the records are too meagre in Hawley and Montague. It is also omitted in Warwick in 1848.

MARRIAGES.—*Ages* are omitted in Northfield more than in any other town.

DEATHS.—*Sex*, omitted in 22 cases in 1848, and 13 in 1849. Those of the former period were principally in Northfield. *Age* was omitted in 22 cases in 1848, and 31 in 1849. Of the latter, 14 were in Northfield. *Disease* was omitted in 77 cases in 1848, and 74 in 1849. These were mostly in Greenfield, where there was not the record of a single death accompanied with its cause. Hawley, Leverett and Warwick, were also very deficient in this particular.

HAMPDEN COUNTY.

Aside from *Montgomery* and *Russell*, which made no return of marriages in 1848, Hampden County is fully represented.

The new town of Holyoke was incorporated in 1850, and was formerly a part of West Springfield.

BIRTHS.—*Sex* and *parentage* were more neglected in Palmer than in any other town. In Wilbraham, also, the latter did not receive due attention.

MARRIAGES.—*Ages*, *occupation* of groom and place of birth, almost entirely wanting in Chicopee and Springfield. *Age*, also, omitted very often in Ludlow, West Springfield and Wilbraham.

DEATHS.—*Sex* was not specified in 5 cases in 1848, and 12 in 1849, which is about one per cent. *Age* was omitted in 6 cases in 1848, and 24 in 1849, most of which were in Palmer and West Springfield. The *disease* was not stated in 22 cases in 1848, and 67 in 1849. Of these latter, 22 were in Chicopee, and 13 in Westfield.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.

Records of marriages are wanting in 1848, from *East Hampton* and *Plainfield*. All other towns in this county are represented.

BIRTHS.—*Sex* is stated in all but 3 instances in 1848, and 6 in 1849. *Parentage* is neglected entirely in Enfield and Southampton.

MARRIAGES.—*Nativity* is omitted in Southampton and Worthington. *Age* is too often omitted in Northampton, Pelham, Ware and Southampton.

DEATHS.—Returns of deaths were generally complete from all the towns, unless we except, perhaps, South Hadley, where the *ages* of 10, and the *sex* of 4 were omitted. The *cause of death* was given in all but 17 cases in 1848, and 25 in 1849.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

Billerica and *Stow* made no returns of deaths in 1848, and *Littleton* none of births in 1849. Otherwise, the county is fully represented.

The new towns of Melrose and Winchester were incorporated in 1850. The former was taken from Malden, and the latter from Medford, West Cambridge and Woburn.

BIRTHS.—In 1848 the *sex* was stated in all but 15 cases, and in all but 52 in 1849. The largest proportion of these in both years, were found in Charlestown and Framingham. The *parentage* was not specified with sufficient completeness in Cambridge and Charlestown, and it was entirely neglected in Concord and West Cambridge.

MARRIAGES.—*Nativity* was too much neglected in the returns of many towns. In Lowell the number whose nativity is unknown should be 114, instead of 118, on page 23. The *ages*, and whether first or subsequent marriage, received too little attention in Acton, Cambridge, Charlestown, Framingham, Lowell, Newton and Somerville.

DEATHS.—*Sex* was not stated in 52 cases in 1848, and 28 cases in 1849, an undue proportion of which were in Acton, Newton, Pepperell, and South Reading. The *ages* were undefined in 49 cases in 1848, and 35 in 1849. More than half of

the latter were in South Reading and Stoneham. The number whose ages are known, in South Reading, page 23, should be 53 instead of 33, as there given. *Diseases* were omitted in 96 instances in 1848, and 159 in 1849. Of the latter 43 were in Cambridge, and 36 in Lowell. Other towns, deficient in this particular, were Dracut, Malden, and Newton.

NANTUCKET COUNTY.

BIRTHS.—Of the 208 births in Nantucket, in 1848 and 1849, both parents were natives of that island in 200 cases.

NORFOLK COUNTY.

Returns were received from the whole of this county except those of deaths, in 1848, from the town of Braintree.

BIRTHS.—There were 5 births in 1848, and 12 in 1849, whose *sex* was not stated. In both years Dorchester furnished about one half of these. *Parentage* was too much neglected in Quincy and Roxbury, and entirely omitted in Sharon, Stoughton, and Wrentham.

MARRIAGES.—*Nativity* was too much neglected in Dorchester and Roxbury, and wanting in the returns from Sharon. The record of *ages* was imperfect from Milton, Quincy, and Roxbury.

DEATHS.—*Sex* was stated in all but 11 cases in 1848, and 13 in 1849. Quincy was the most deficient in the former year, and Roxbury in the latter. The *ages* were stated in all but 22 cases in 1848, and 23 in 1849. *Diseases* were omitted in 24 cases in 1848, and 64 in 1849; of which 22 were in the returns from Roxbury.

In the return from Cohasset the clerk says: "On the 7th of October, 1849, the brig *St. Johns* was wrecked on our shore, and about 100 lives were lost; 50 bodies of which have been collected and buried in our burying ground—some in Scituate some in Hull, and Boston." These have been omitted in this Report.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY.

Hull made no returns of marriages in 1848, or of deaths in 1849. Perhaps there were none. Otherwise the county is complete.

BIRTHS.—*Sex* was omitted in 13 cases in 1848, and 15 cases in 1849. Of those of the former year 11 were in Plymouth; 13 of the latter were also in the same town. *Parentage* was omitted in Bridgewater and Middleborough.

MARRIAGES.—*Nativity* was omitted in Middleborough, as was also *age*, and in Plymouth.

DEATHS.—*Sex* was stated in all but 5 cases in 1848, and 2 in 1849. *Age* in all but 10 in the former year, and 21 in the latter, most of which were in Middleborough and Scituate. The *diseases* were omitted in 50 cases in 1848, and 79 in 1849, of which Abington contributed the most.

Scituate returned 8 as "passengers in the ill fated *St. Johns*, wrecked on Cohasset Rocks."

SUFFOLK COUNTY.

This county was never complete until 1849—the city of Boston never having complied with the law prior to that time.

BIRTHS.—On page 26 a mistake of 10 will be found in the returns from Boston. The number of females should have been 2396 instead of 2388. This correction should be made to increase the total to 4896, which is 135 less than in the Report of the City Registrar, (City Document, No. 4, 1850.) The discrepancy arises from the fact that those births recorded in Boston which occurred out of the city, and in some other town, were rejected in our Report.

MARRIAGES also exhibit a discrepancy with the City Registrar's Report of Boston. This may be due to the fact that the latter gives the number of "*marriage intentions*, from July 12 to December 31, 1849," while their returns to this office give the *marriages registered* from January 1 to December 31, 1849.

DEATHS.—In Boston the City Registrar gives 5079 deaths in 1849. This Report shows only 5071. Some difference will be found, also, in the number for each month, which is attributable to the fact that the city reports monthly the number, according to the date the returns come to their office. This Report complies with the date of death.

WORCESTER COUNTY.

Returns have been received from all the towns of this county, except *Dana* and *Upton*. The former of these has made no return since 1847, nor the latter since 1845. *Auburn* and *Boylston* omitted marriages in 1848. The new town of *Clinton* was incorporated in 1850, and was formerly a village of *Lancaster*.

BIRTHS.—*Sex* is stated in all but 6 cases in 1845, and 26 in 1849, the major portion of which, in each year, were in *Winchendon*. The records are very imperfect in stating *parentage*, in quite a large number of towns, and nearly wholly omitted in the city of *Worcester*.

MARRIAGES.—*Nativity* is defective in several towns, among which may be named *Ashburnham*, *Leominster*, *Milford*, *Northborough*, *Northbridge*, *Southbridge*, and *Templeton*. The *ages* are uncommonly complete, no special defects being observed in the county.

DEATHS.—*Sex* is not specified in 23 cases in each year. *Age* is unstated in 26 cases in 1848, and 36 in 1849. Of the latter, *Lancaster* furnished the greatest proportion. The *cause of death* was omitted in 104 instances in 1848, and 96 in 1849. A large number of these occurred also in *Lancaster*, whose records went back to the year 1816.

On page 63 will be found some deaths attributed to an "unknown epidemic." These were thus returned from *Sutton* and occurred in the spring of 1849. It appears to have been a very severe form of inflammation of the membranes of the brain and spinal cord. The suddenness with which it terminated fatally was a just cause of alarm. A similar epidemic is said to have raged to a frightful extent, among the soldiers of the French army at *Versailles*, *Avingnon* and *Metz*, in 1839; and especially at *Strasburg*, in 1840 and 1841.

ERRATUM.—On page 106, eighth line from the bottom, for 226, read 223.

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